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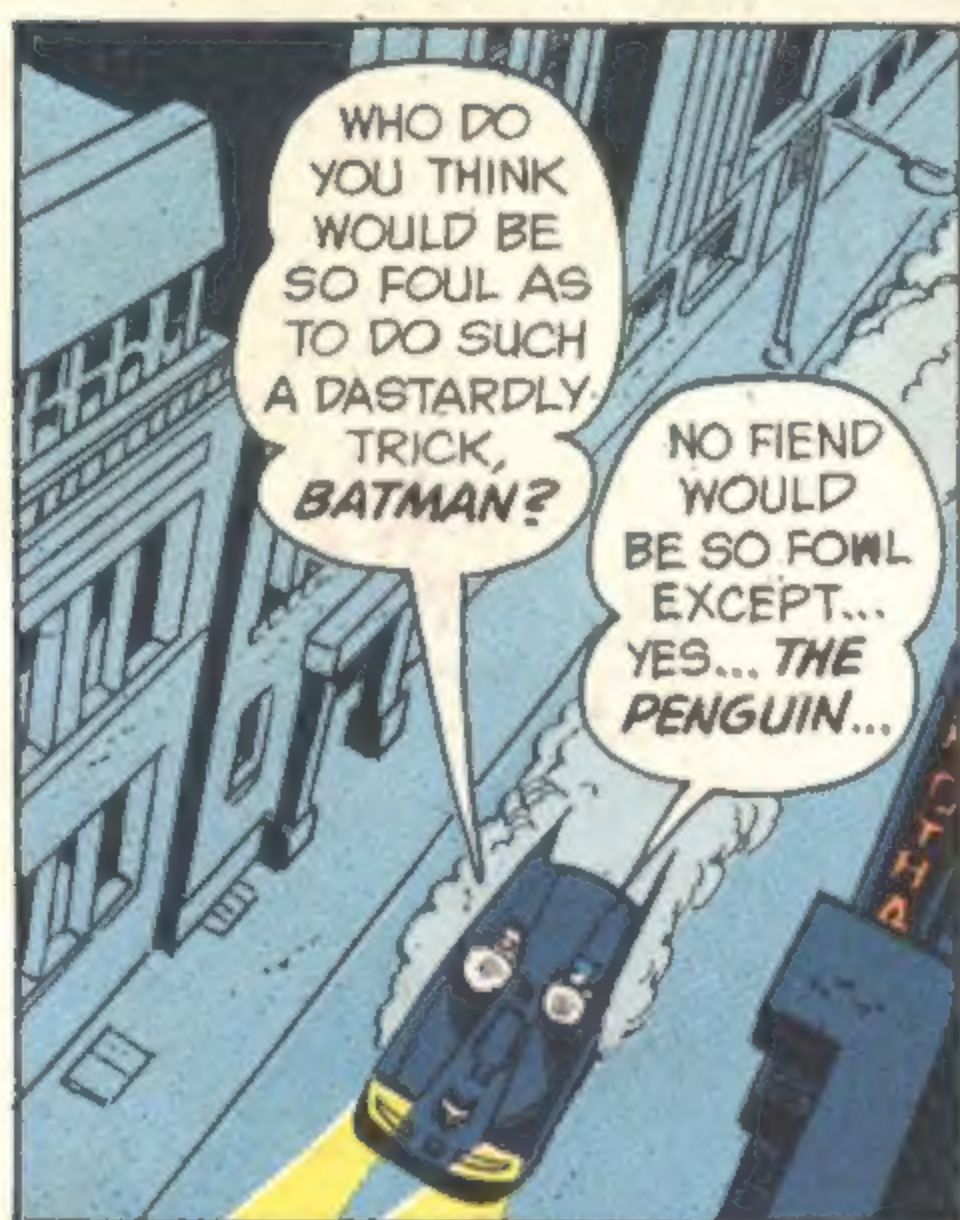
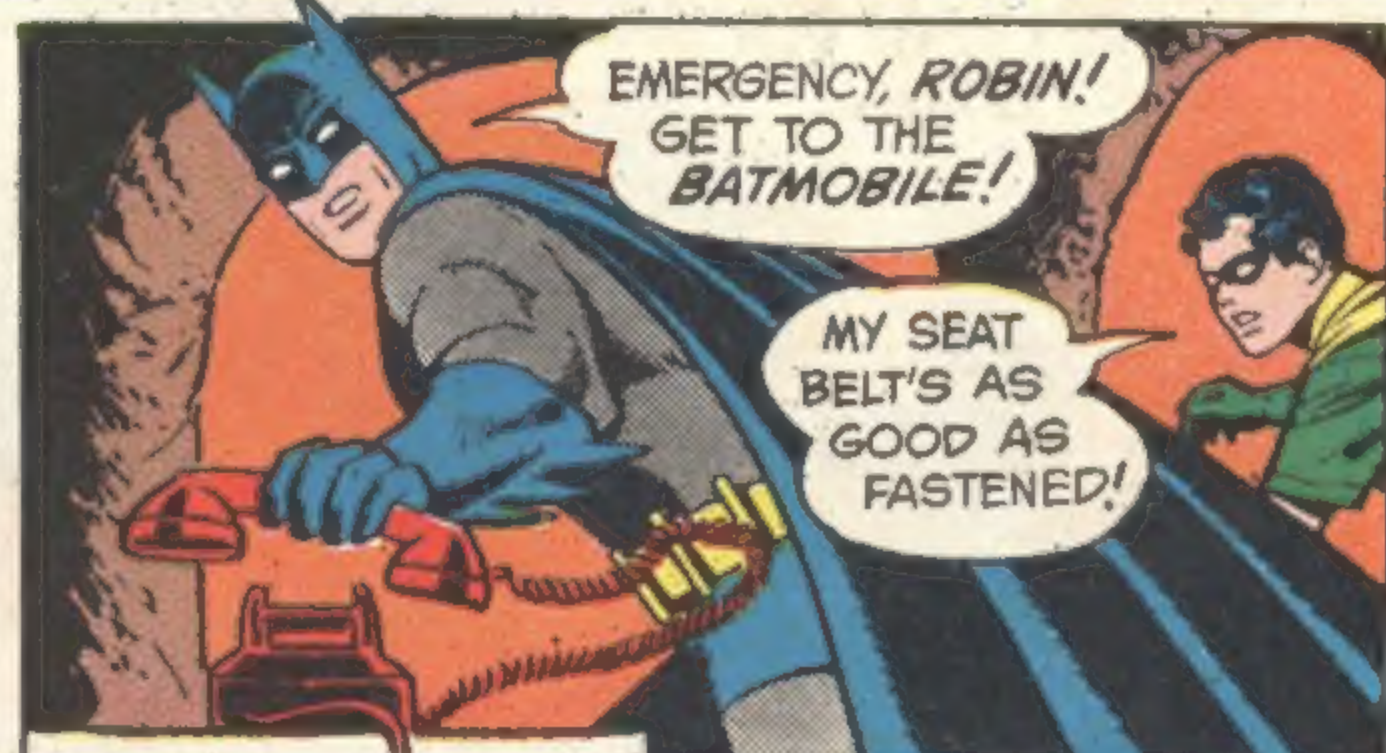
SUPERMAN'S ACTION COMICS



BAT MAN

AND

TWINKIELESS GOTHAM CITY



TRAGEDY SEEMS CERTAIN IN METROPOLIS AS A HANG-GLIDER CAREENS OUT OF CONTROL TOWARD THE CITY STREETS-- BUT WHEN DANGER THREATENS, METROPOLIS LOOKS FOR THE AWE-INSPIRING APPEARANCE OF...

IMAGINE THE SURPRISE, THEN, WHEN A NEW FIGURE BURSTS ONTO THE SCENE-- ANOTHER SUPER-HERO VYING FOR THE NUMBER ONE SPOT! HIS NAME IS...



SUPERMAN

BLACKROCK

...AND HE'S ABOUT TO CAUSE--

"SUPERMAN'S BIG CRACK-UP!"

TOO LATE, SUPERMAN! YOU MISSED YOUR CUE! I'M YOUR STAND-IN!

MY ANTENNA'S ENERGY-WAVES WILL SAVE THAT FALLING GLIDER!

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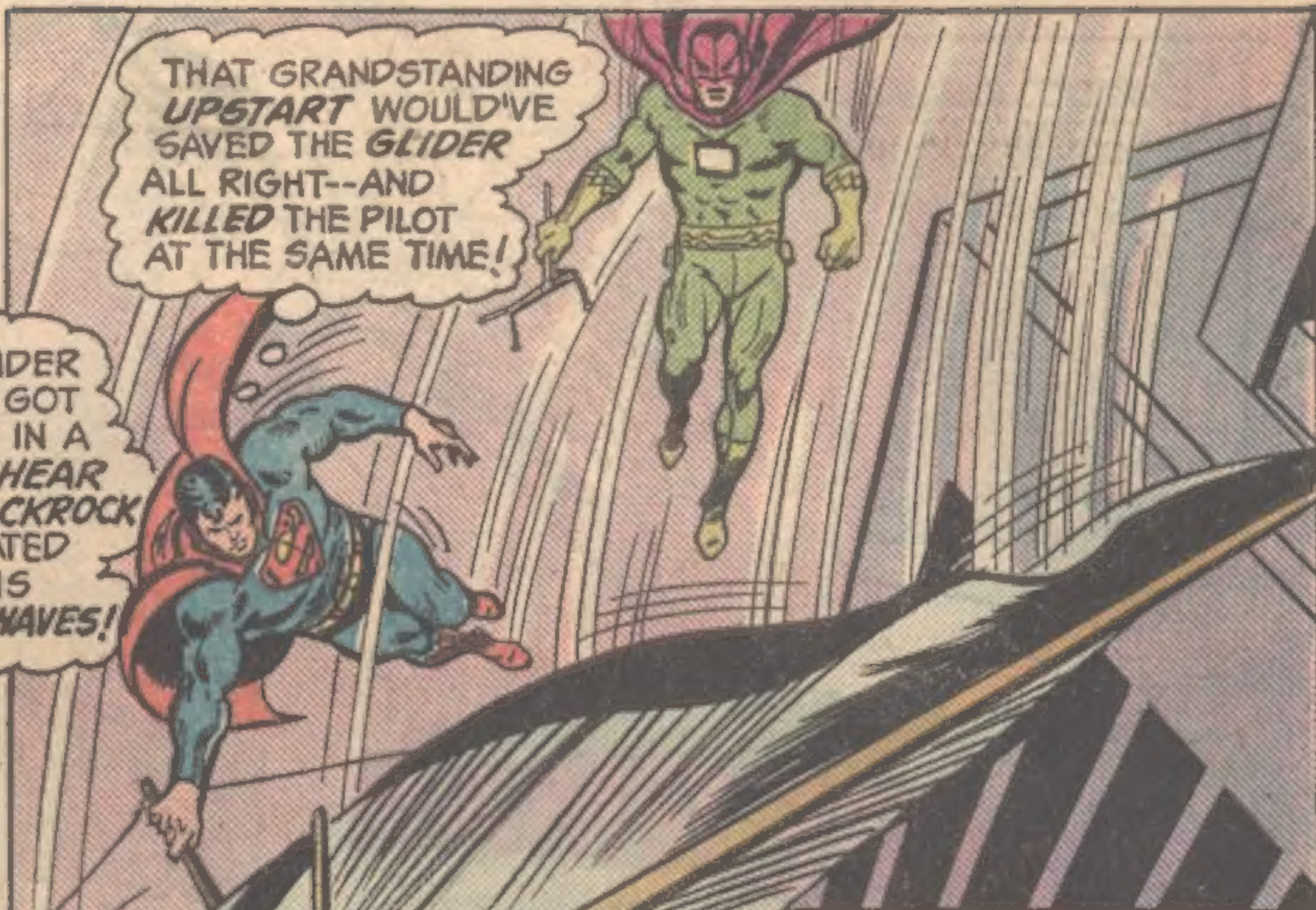
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THE GLIDER PILOT GOT CAUGHT IN A WIND SHEAR THAT BLACKROCK AGGRAVATED WITH HIS ENERGY-WAVES!

THAT GRANDSTANDING UPSTART WOULD'VE SAVED THE GLIDER ALL RIGHT--AND KILLED THE PILOT AT THE SAME TIME!



HEY, THERE, SUPIE-BABY! WE MAKE ONE DYNAMITE TEAM--

--LIKE CHICO AND THE MAN, ROWAN AND MARTIN...



...I'D PREFER IT LIKE MARTIN AND LEWIS-- THEY SPLIT UP!

LOOK, FELLA, YOU WANT TO WEAR A COSTUME AND GET ON TELEVISION-- TALKING HIP--

--FINE WITH ME! JUST STAY OUT OF MY WAY!



I DON'T MIND THAT PUBLICITY-MAD LOON HOVERING AROUND EVERY TIME I'M IN ACTION--AS LONG AS HE DOESN'T GUM IT UP!

WONDER WHERE BLACKROCK CAME FROM--?

SUPERMAN IS BY NO MEANS THE ONLY ONE IN TOWN INTRIGUED WITH THE MYSTERIOUS NEW HERO...

BLACKROCK IS DEMONSTRATING ANOTHER OF HIS ASTONISHING ABILITIES!

HE'S GOING INTO HIS **UNIQUE DISAPPEARING ACT**--

--USING THE **UBC NEWSVAN RADIO** AS A **MAGIC CARPET**--

--TO FLY HIM ANYWHERE ON **EARTH** THAT **RADIO AND TELEVISION WAVES** WILL TAKE HIM!

KENT, GET THAT TURNCOAT **LOLA BARNETT** OFF MY SCREEN!

I DON'T WANT HER NAME MENTIONED AROUND HERE AGAIN!

AREN'T YOU OVER-REACTING, MR. EDGE...?

AFTER ALL, SHE ONLY LEFT BECAUSE **UBC** OFFERED HER A **BETTER JOB** AT **HIGHER PAY**!

LOL--ER...SHE'S BEEN WANTING TO DO **HARD NEWS** IN ADDITION TO THE GOSSIP SHE DIGGS UP --BUT YOU WOULDN'T LET HER!

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THE **GOOD NEWS** IS THAT **BLACKROCK** IS MAKING A **BIG SPLASH**--

--BUT THE **BAD NEWS** IS THAT THE **CHEMICAL SOLUTION** WHICH POWERS **BLACKROCK'S** MECHANISMS IS BEGINNING TO **BREAK DOWN**!

IT WON'T CAUSE AN **IMMEDIATE PROBLEM**... BUT I'D BETTER TAKE SOME **PRECAUTIONS**!

DR. **SILVERSTONE**, PH.D.
RESIDENT INVENTOR!

AND WHILE SCIENTIST **PETER SILVERSTONE** PONDER'S HIS PROBLEM, THE CITY OF **METROPOLIS** IS HIT BY THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF SPECTACULAR ROBBERIES...

WHA--?! SOME CRAZY TUBE OF LIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE JEWELRY SALON--

FREEZE-- EVERYONE! LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK AND NEAT!

WHHRRREEEEEEEE

BUT A PAIR OF SUPER-SENSITIVE EARS, ALWAYS TUNED TO THE **BURGLAR-ALARMS** OF THE CITY, HEARS...

...AND RESPONDS AT **SUPERMAN-SPEED!**

ALL THOSE GEMS-- VANISHING... WHERE?

THAT'S FOR US TO KNOW...

...AND ME TO FIND OUT!

DON'T WASTE YOUR BULLETS ON **SUPES!**

GET RID OF THE **TELEPORT BEAM** SO HE CAN'T TRACE IT BACK TO HEADQUARTERS!

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THE ONE... THE ONLY--

BLACKROCK!

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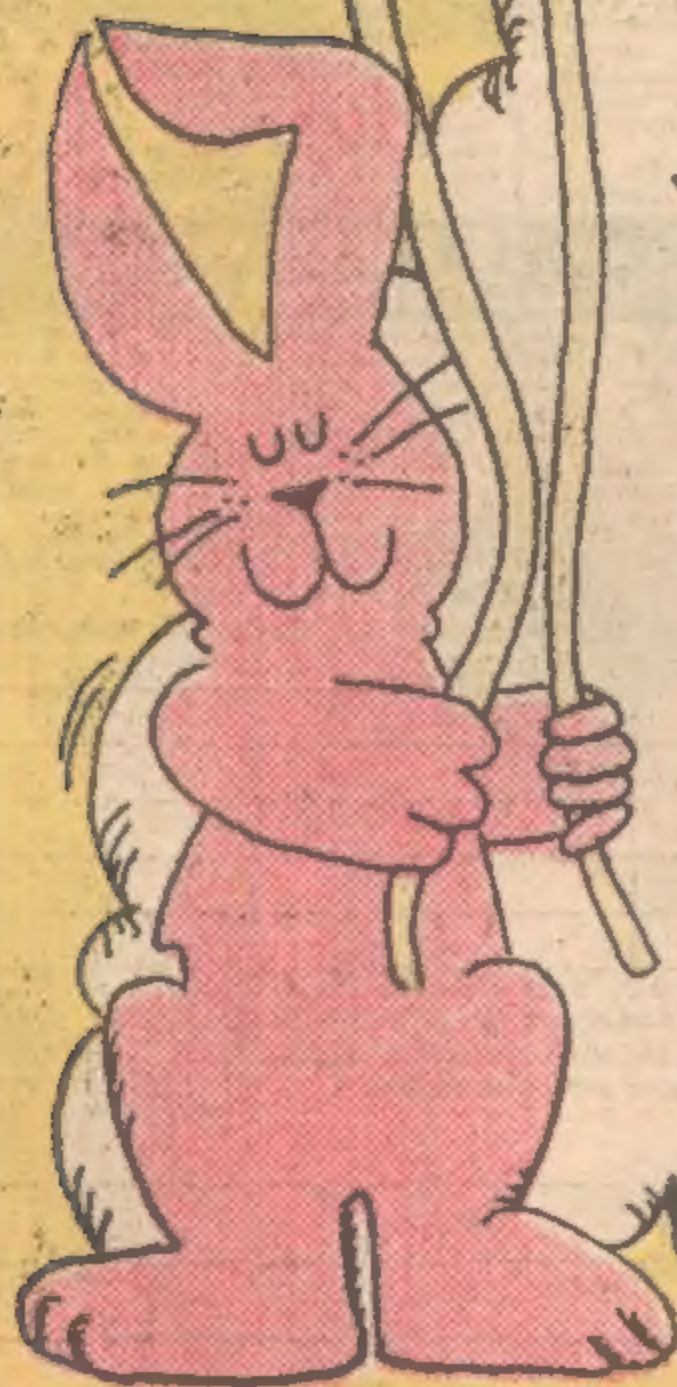
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BUT AS **BLACKROCK** CONTINUES TO MUSCLE IN ON **SUPERMAN'S** CRIME-BUSTING ACT...

SORRY TO RESORT TO SUCH TACTICS...



... BUT YOU'VE JUST BEEN CANCELLED!



WHOA THERE, FELLA! I NOTICED SOMETHING ODD ABOUT YOU AND YOUR TWO CRONIES...

...AND YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH--



STEAL MY RATINGS, WILL YOU, **SUPERMAN**?

NOW YOU'VE REALLY BLOWN IT, **BLACKROCK**!



IT'LL TAKE *DAYS* TO GET THESE CROOKS TO TELL WHERE THE JEWELRY WAS *TRANSPORTED* TO--AND WHO HIRED THEM...

...BECAUSE IN KNOCKING THEM OUT, YOU DESTROYED--

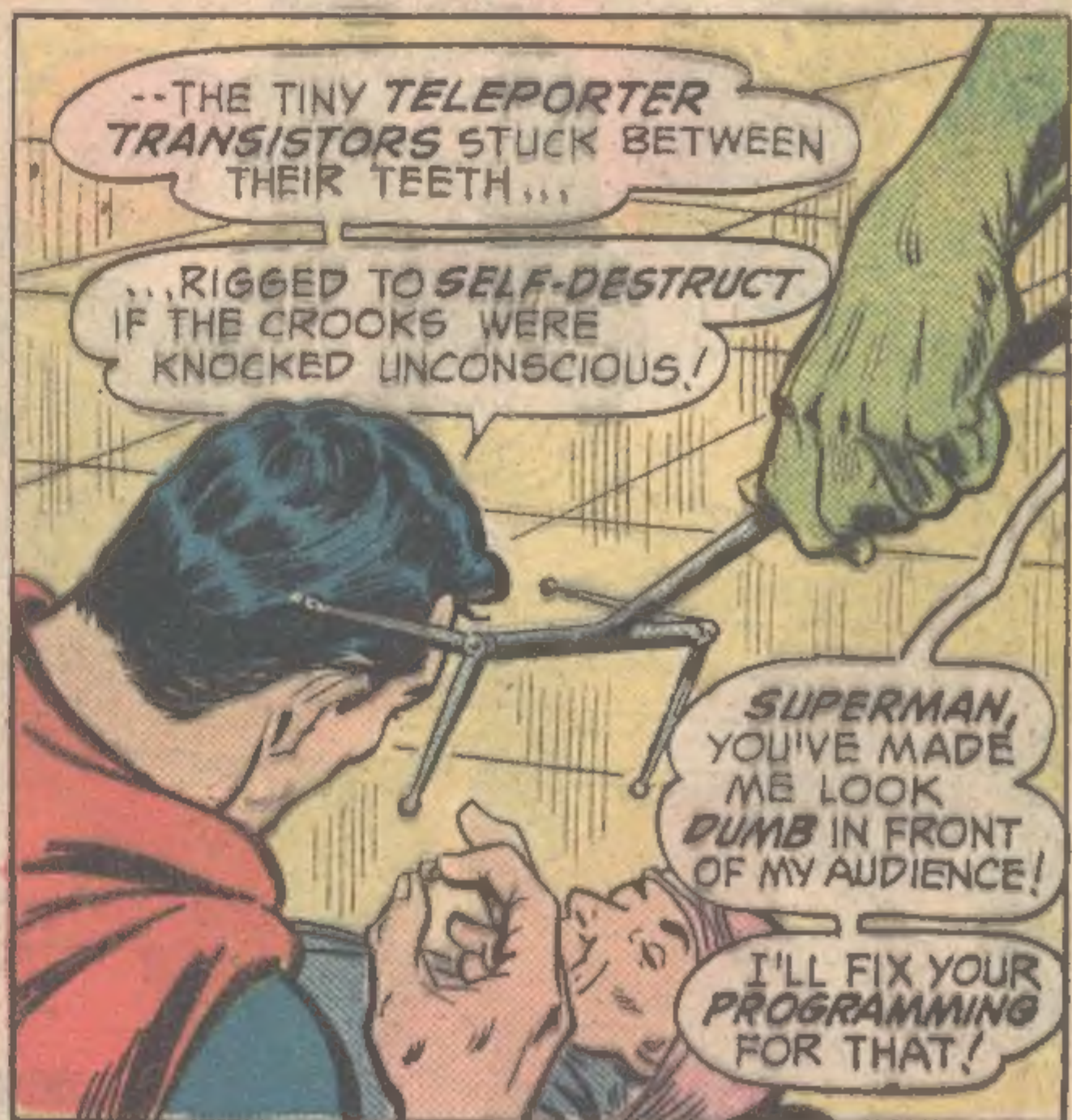


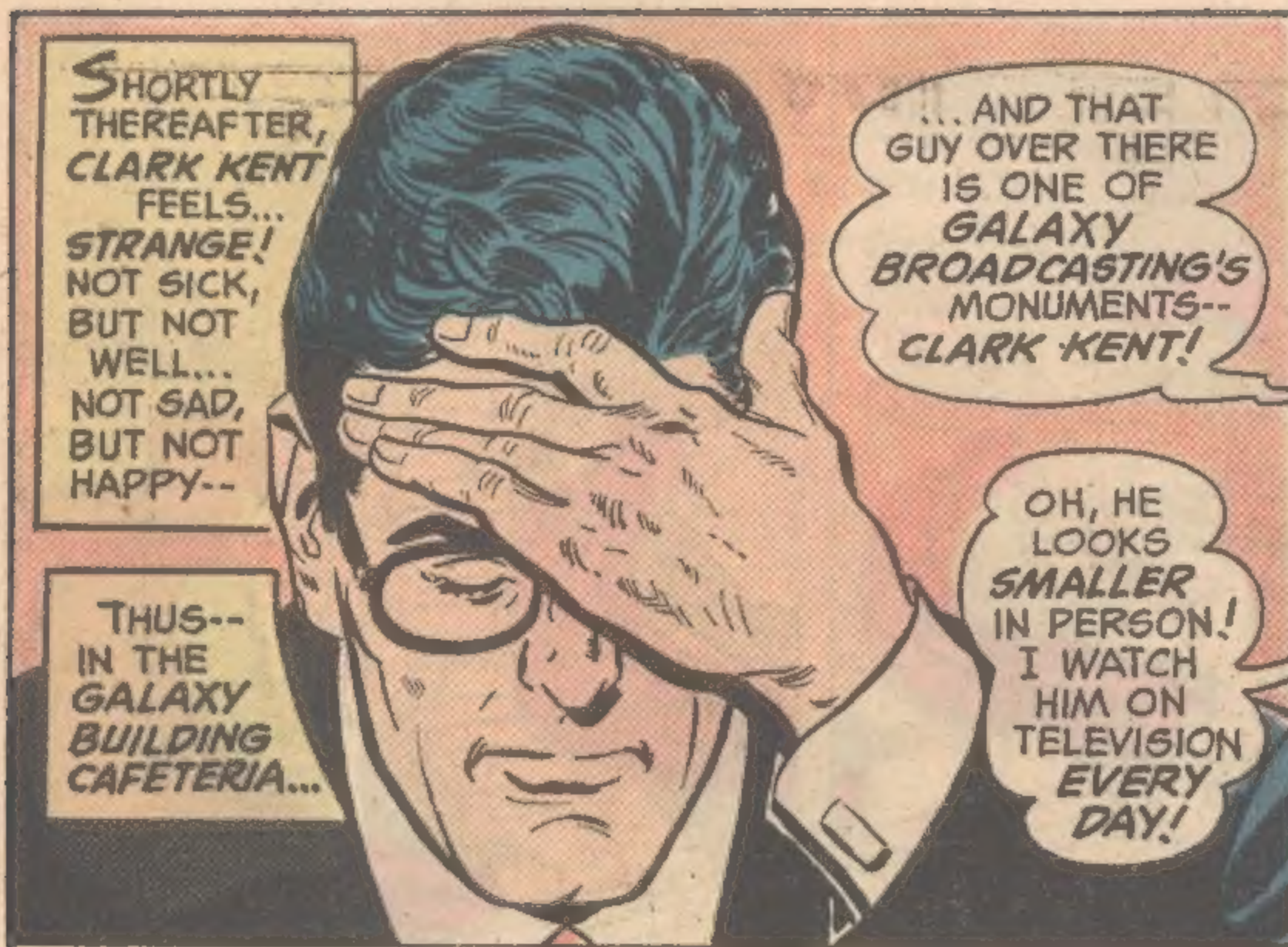
--THE TINY *TELEPORTER TRANSISTORS* STUCK BETWEEN THEIR TEETH...

...RIGGED TO *SELF-DESTRUCT* IF THE CROOKS WERE KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS!

SUPERMAN, YOU'VE MADE ME LOOK *DUMB* IN FRONT OF MY AUDIENCE!

I'LL FIX YOUR *PROGRAMMING* FOR THAT!





SHORTLY THEREAFTER, CLARK KENT FEELS... **STRANGE!** NOT SICK, BUT NOT WELL... NOT SAD, BUT NOT HAPPY...

THUS-- IN THE GALAXY BUILDING CAFETERIA...

... AND THAT GUY OVER THERE IS ONE OF **GALAXY BROADCASTING'S MONUMENTS-- CLARK KENT!**

OH, HE LOOKS **SMALLER** IN PERSON! I WATCH HIM ON TELEVISION **EVERY DAY!**



SOME KIND OF RINGING IN MY EARS NOW... ALMOST LIKE A **TELEPATHIC MESSAGE!**

HEY, CLARKIE-BABY... MEET MY FRIEND **PAM!**

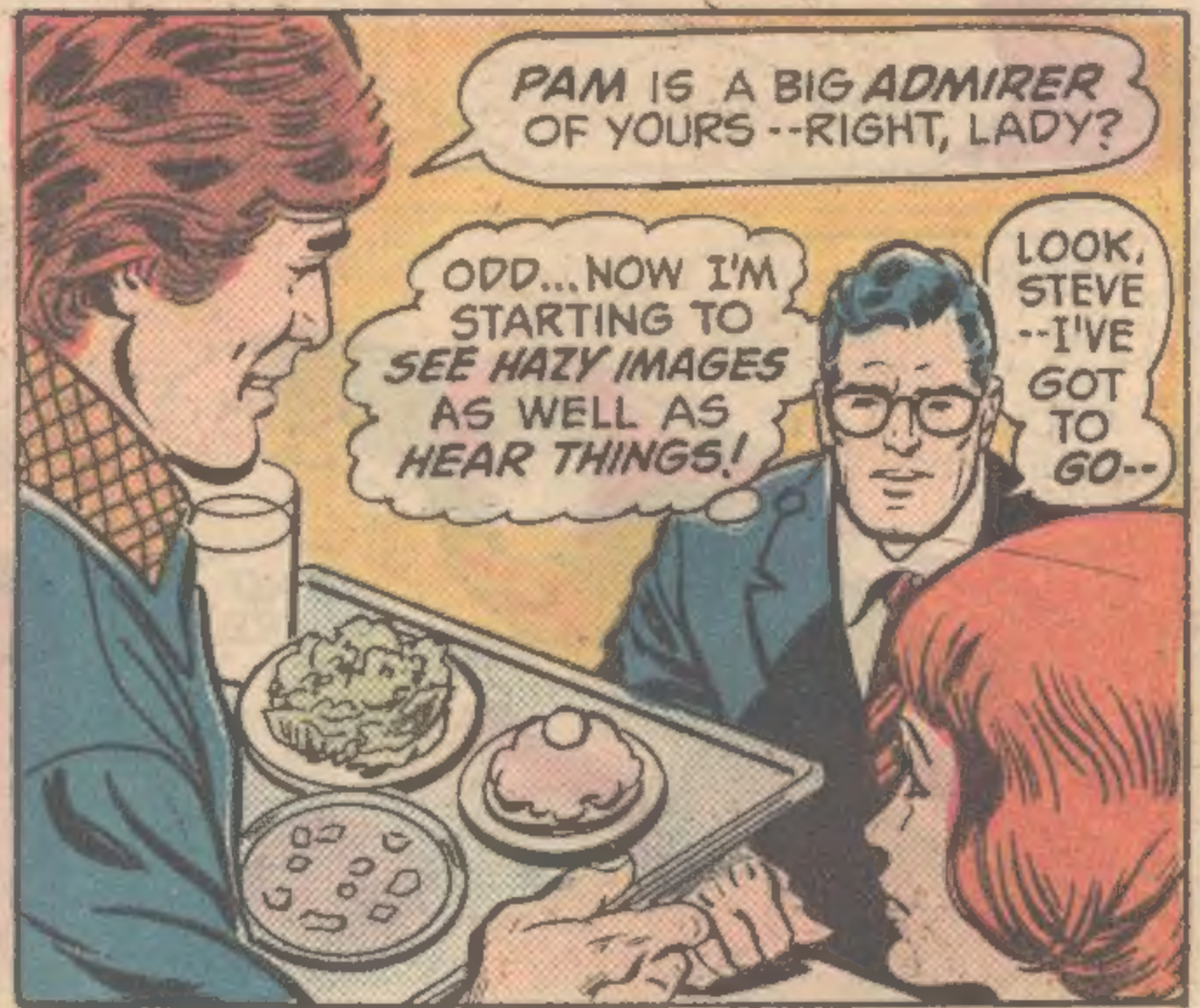
DRAT-- STEVE LOMBARD IS ONE PERSON I CAN DO WITHOUT!



NOW, HOW CAN I MAKE **CLARK** LOOK DUMB IN FRONT OF **PAM**? KNOCK OFF HIS **GLASSES** SO HE STEPS ON THEM? **NAH,** I'D HAFTA BUY HIM **NEW ONES!**

TRIP HIM UP AND SAY IT WAS A BUMP IN THE RUG? **NAH,** RUG'S TOO THIN!

HEY, I KNOW! I'LL JUST LET HIM BE HIS **CLUMSY** SELF!



PAM IS A BIG **ADMIRER** OF YOURS --RIGHT, LADY?

ODD... NOW I'M STARTING TO SEE **HAZY IMAGES** AS WELL AS **HEAR THINGS!**

LOOK, STEVE --I'VE GOT TO GO--



THE PARTY'S JUST STARTING!

STICK AROUND AND--

-URFF!-



WHAT'RE YOU ALL LAUGHING AT? I'M GONNA BUST HIS **HEAD!**

STEVE, WHEN YOU TOLD ME LUNCH WAS **ON YOU,** I NEVER IMAGINED... **-HEE HEE-**



I THINK I'VE FIGURED OUT...



...WHAT **BLACKROCK** DID TO ME!

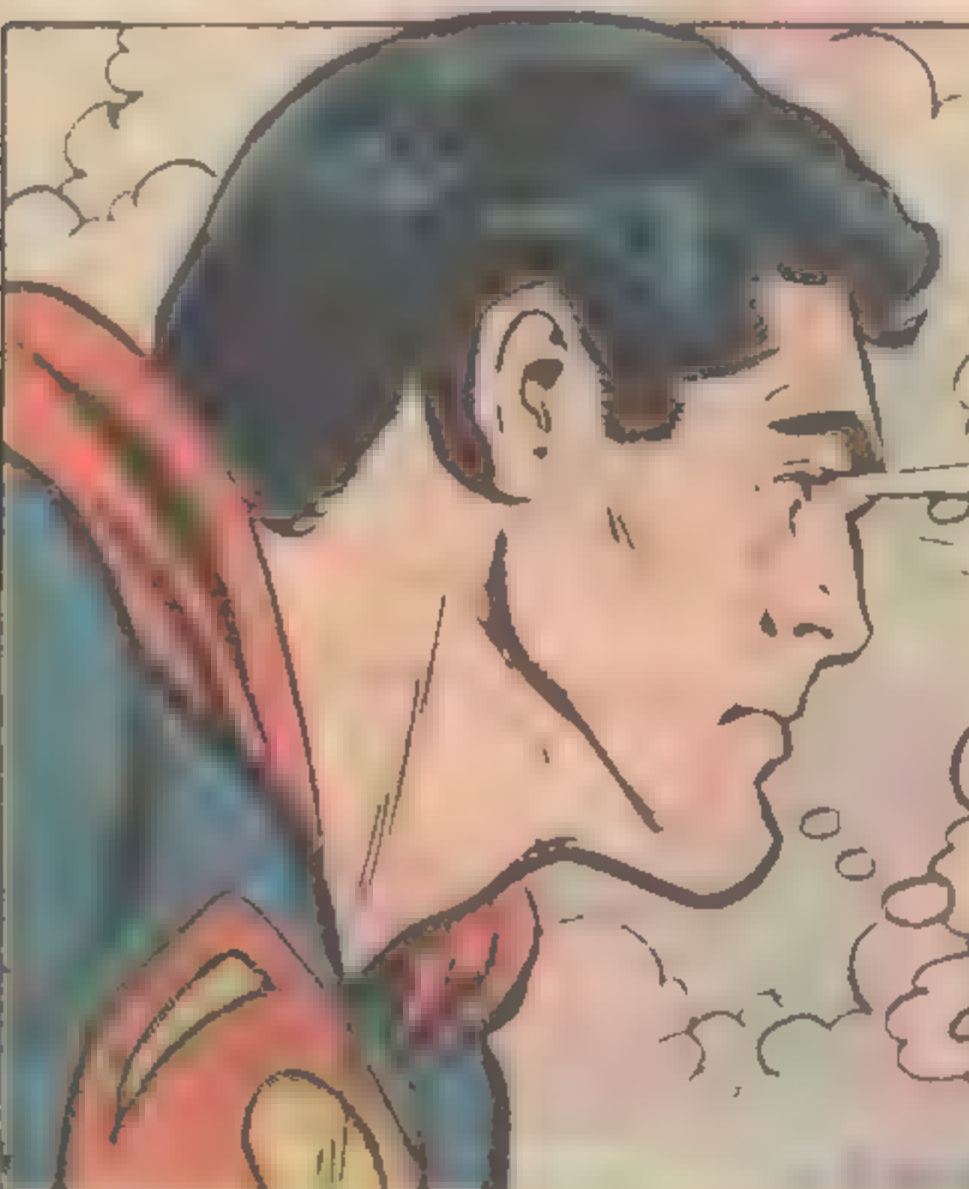
HE TURNED MY MIND INTO A **TELEVISION RECEIVER** THAT I **CAN'T TURN OFF!**

THE SOUNDS AND IMAGES THAT HAVE BEEN BUILDING IN MY HEAD...

...ARE **RERUNS--** OF **CLARK KENT'S NEWS BROADCASTS!**

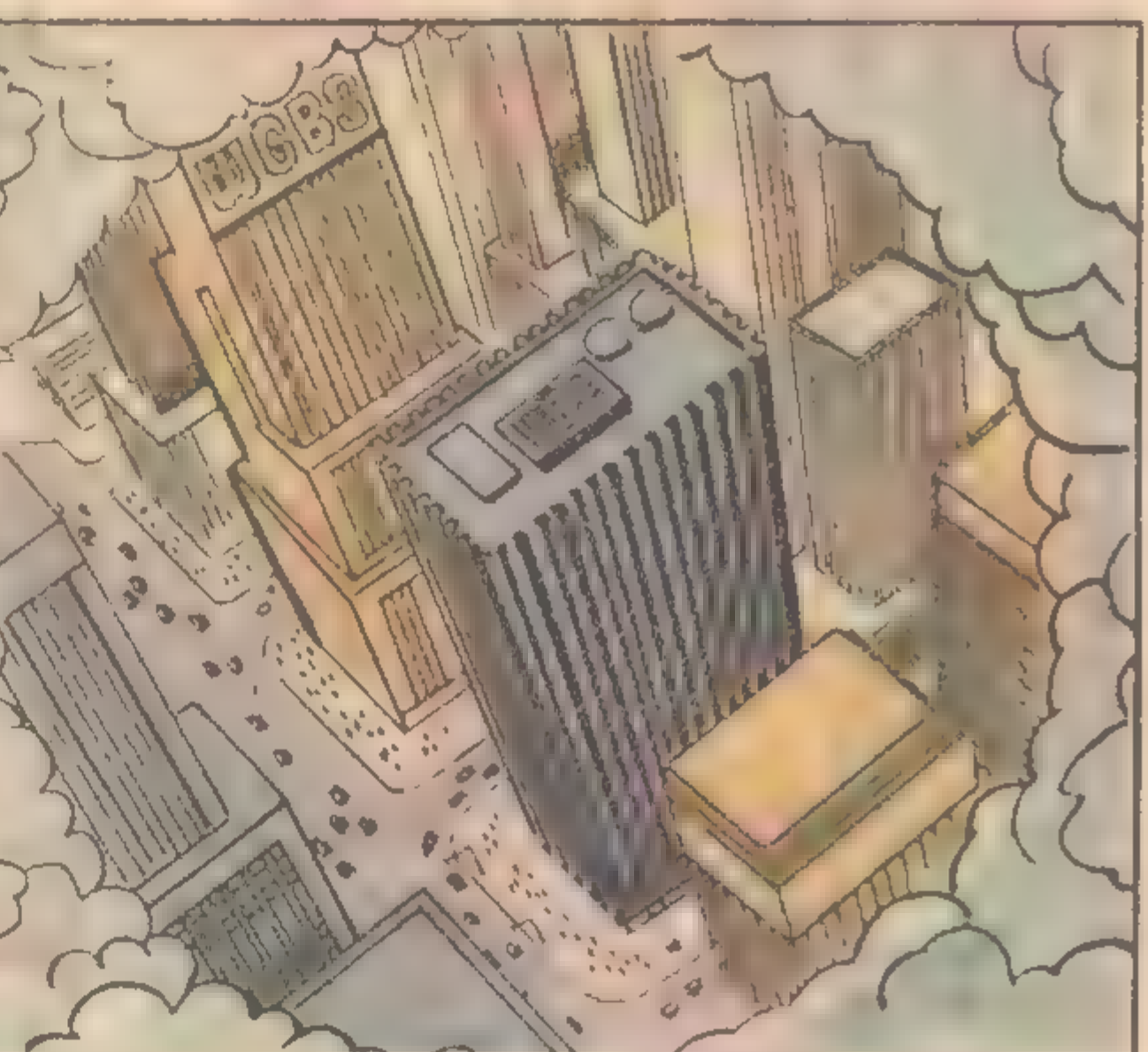


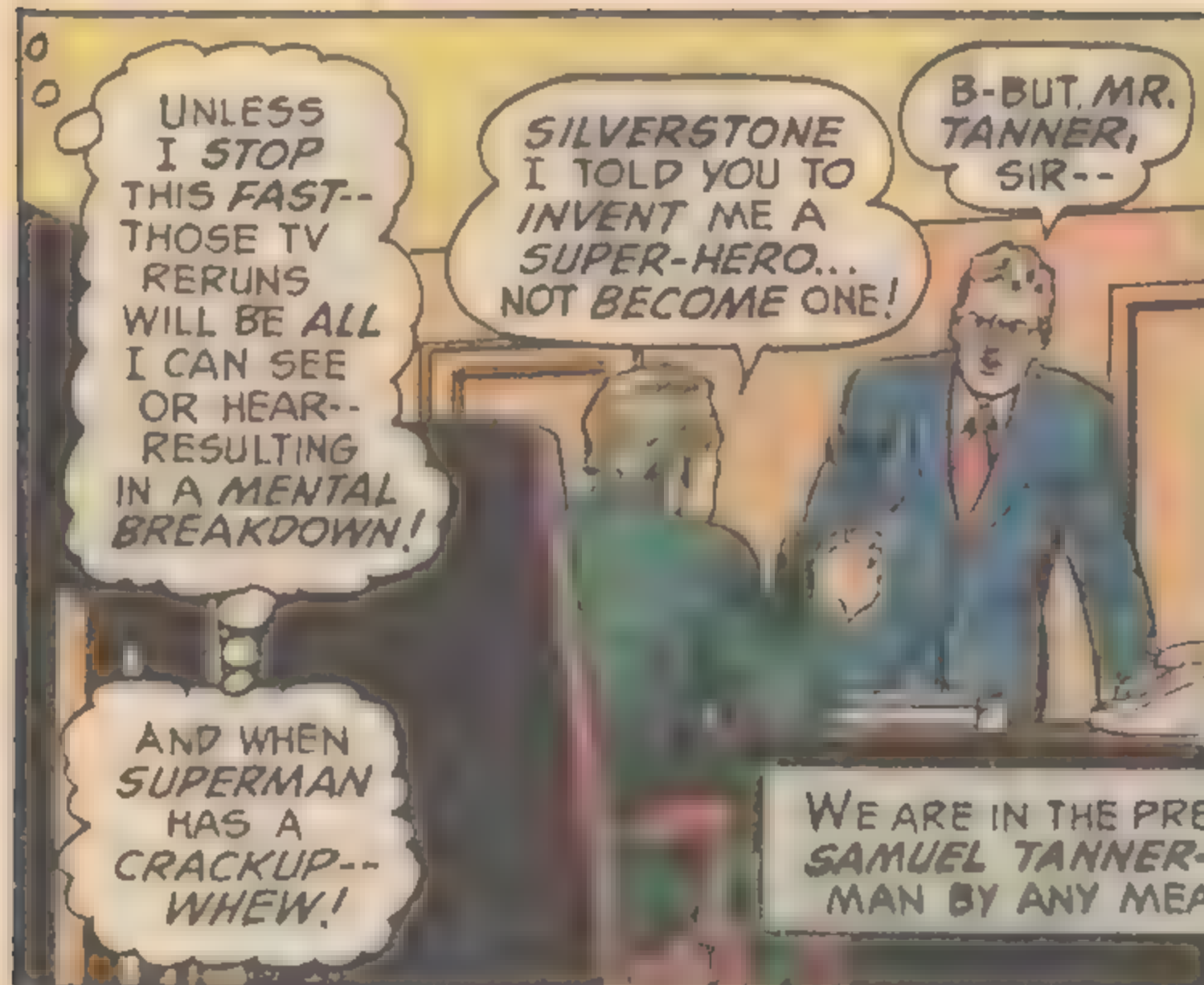
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--SOMEWHERE IN THE **UNITED BROADCASTING COMPANY BUILDING!**





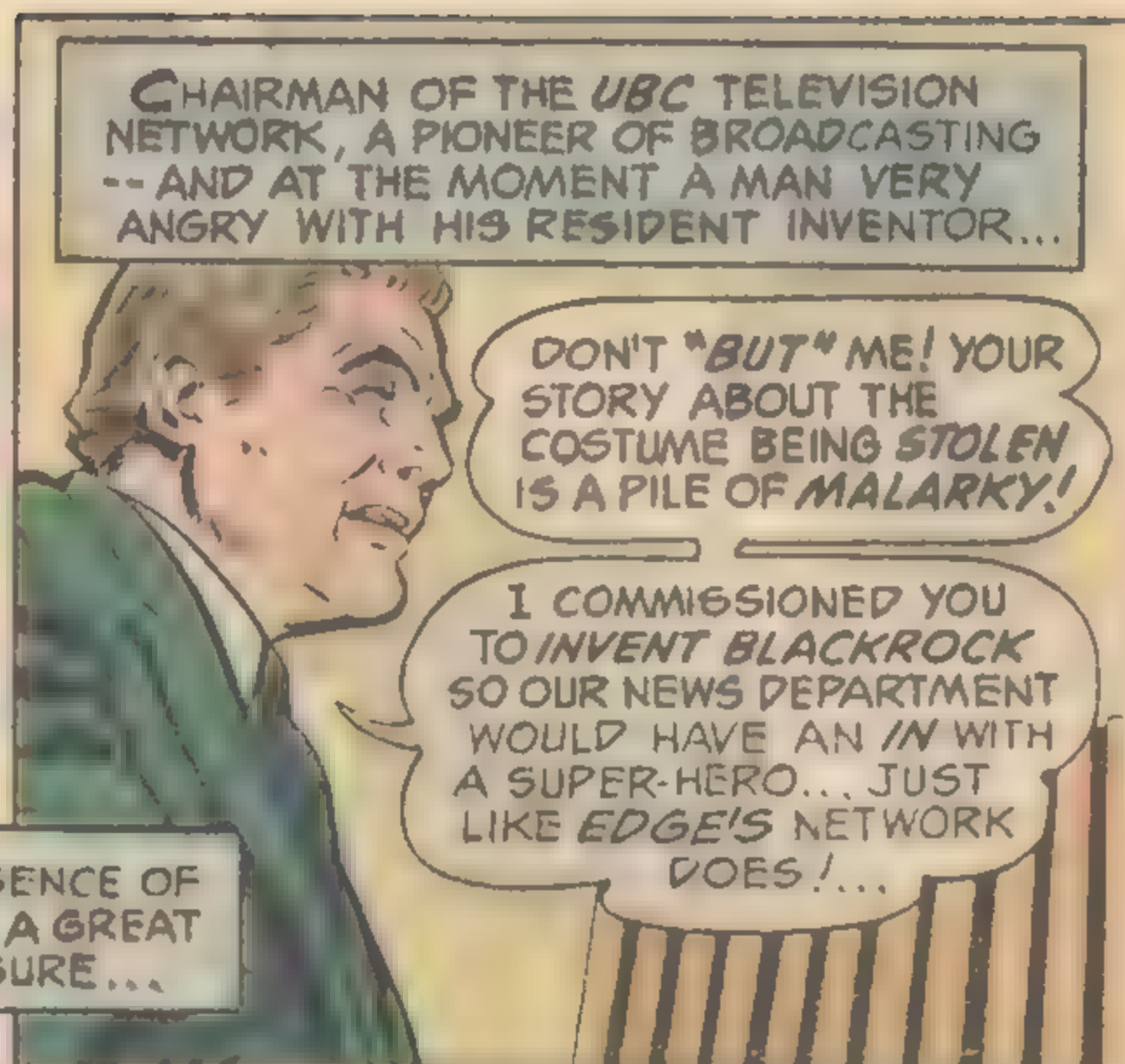
UNLESS I STOP THIS FAST--THOSE TV RERUNS WILL BE ALL I CAN SEE OR HEAR--RESULTING IN A MENTAL BREAKDOWN!

SILVERSTONE I TOLD YOU TO INVENT ME A SUPER-HERO... NOT BECOME ONE!

B-BUT, MR. TANNER, SIR--

AND WHEN SUPERMAN HAS A CRACKUP--WHEW!

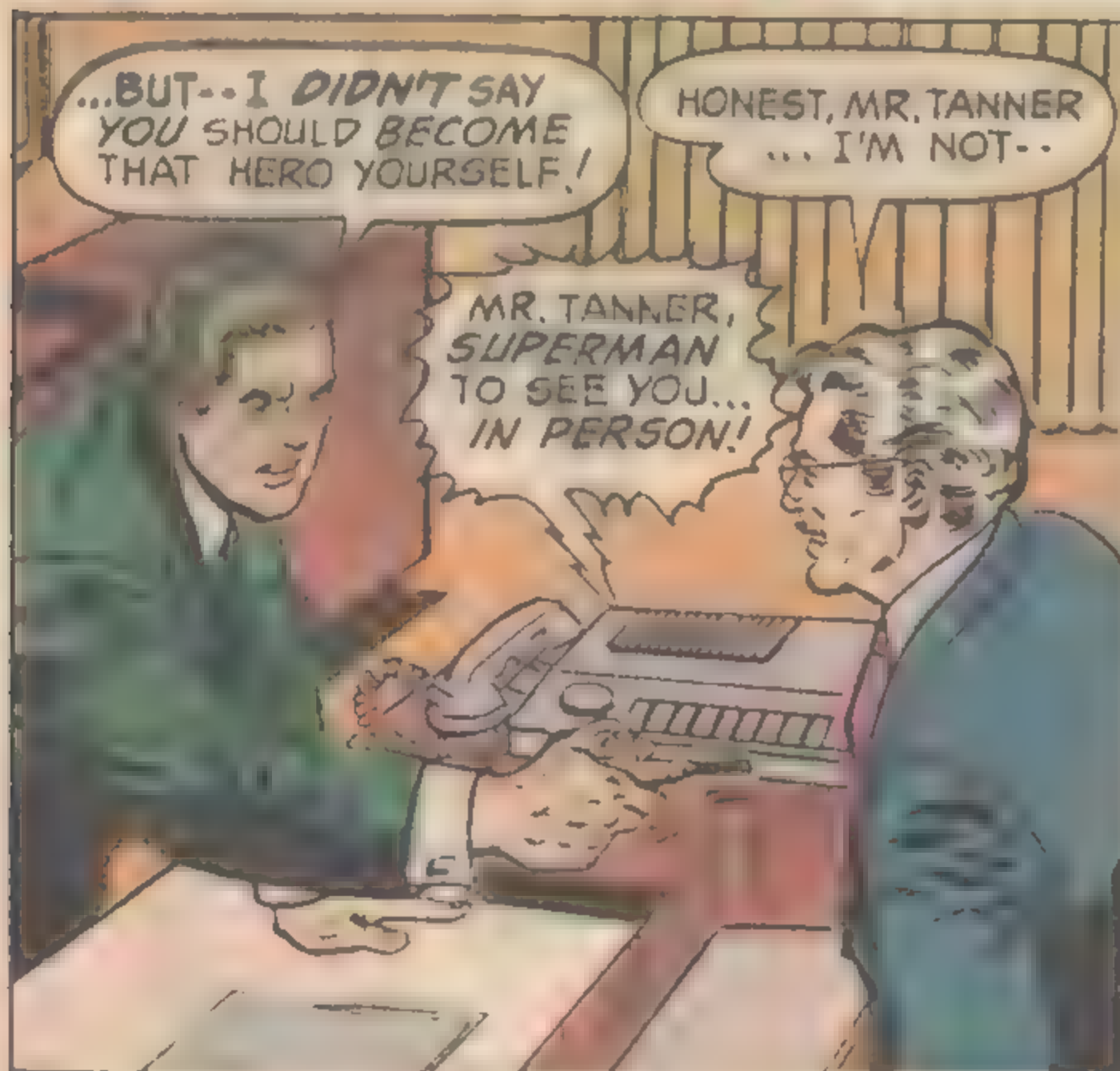
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DON'T "BUT" ME! YOUR STORY ABOUT THE COSTUME BEING *STOLEN* IS A PILE OF MALARKY!

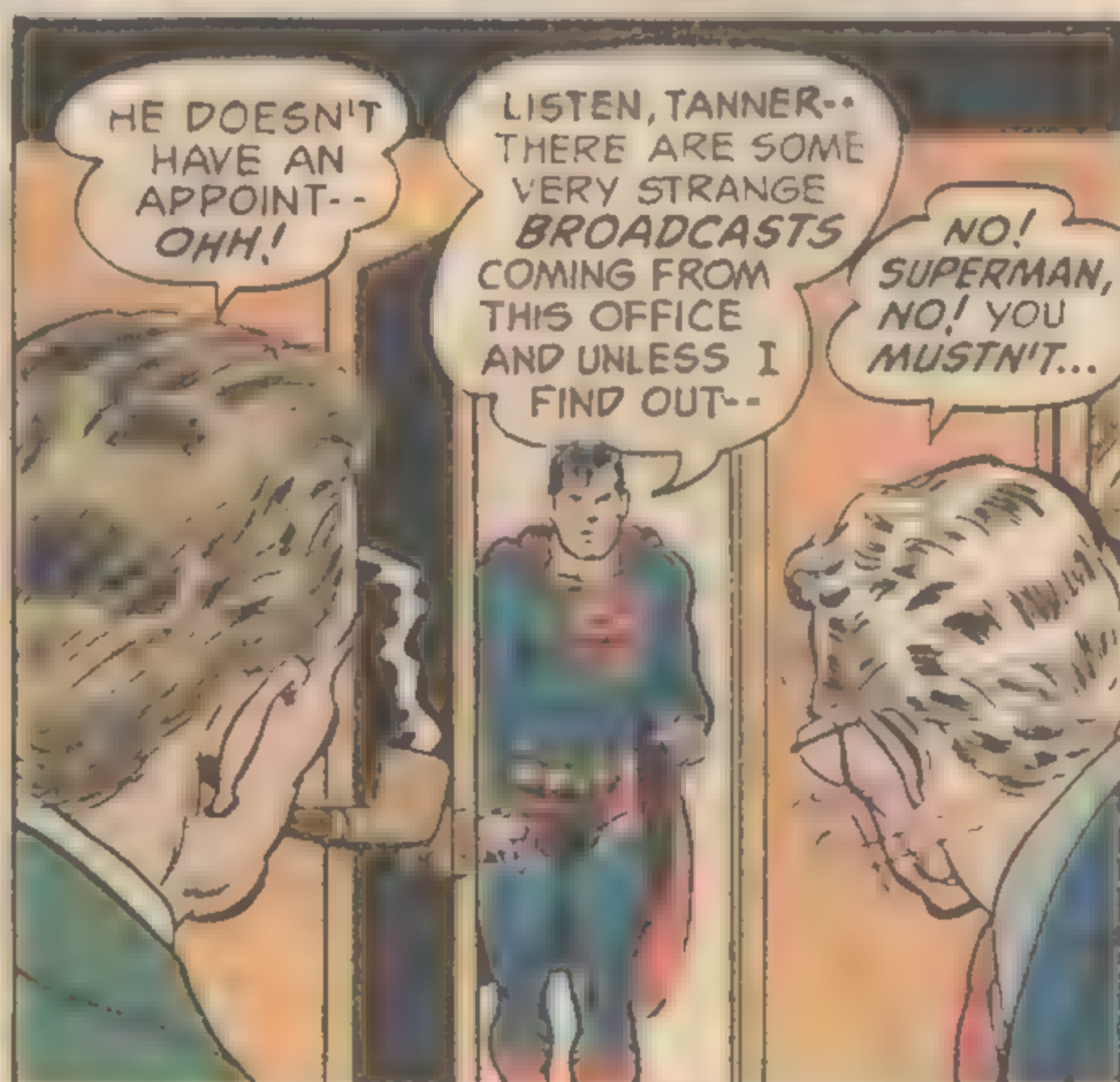
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HONEST, MR. TANNER ... I'M NOT--

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HE DOESN'T HAVE AN APPOINT-- OHH!

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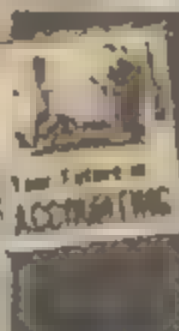
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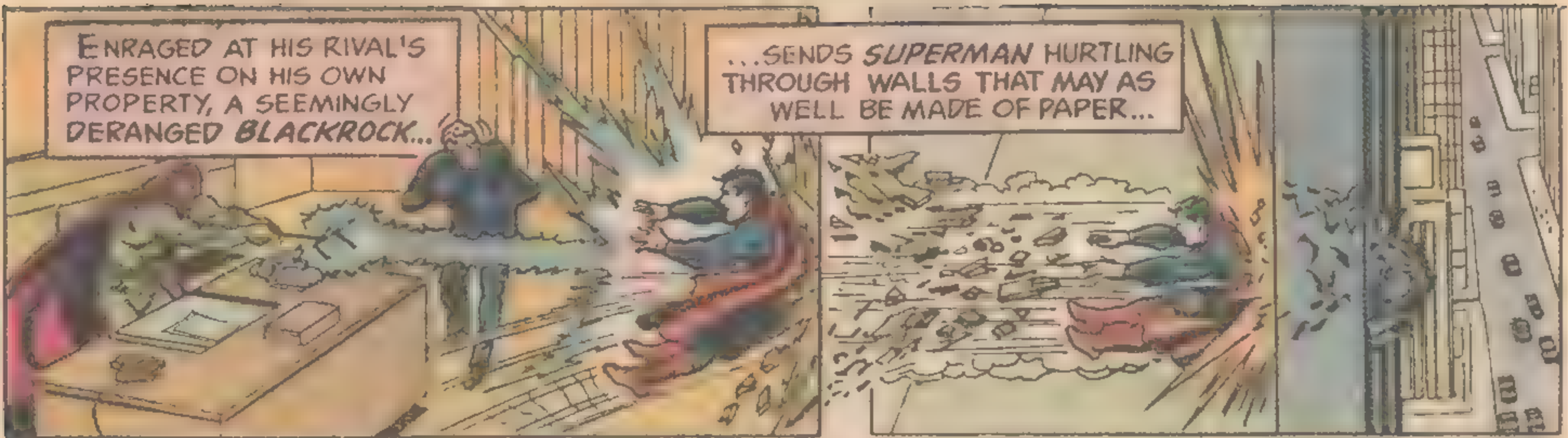
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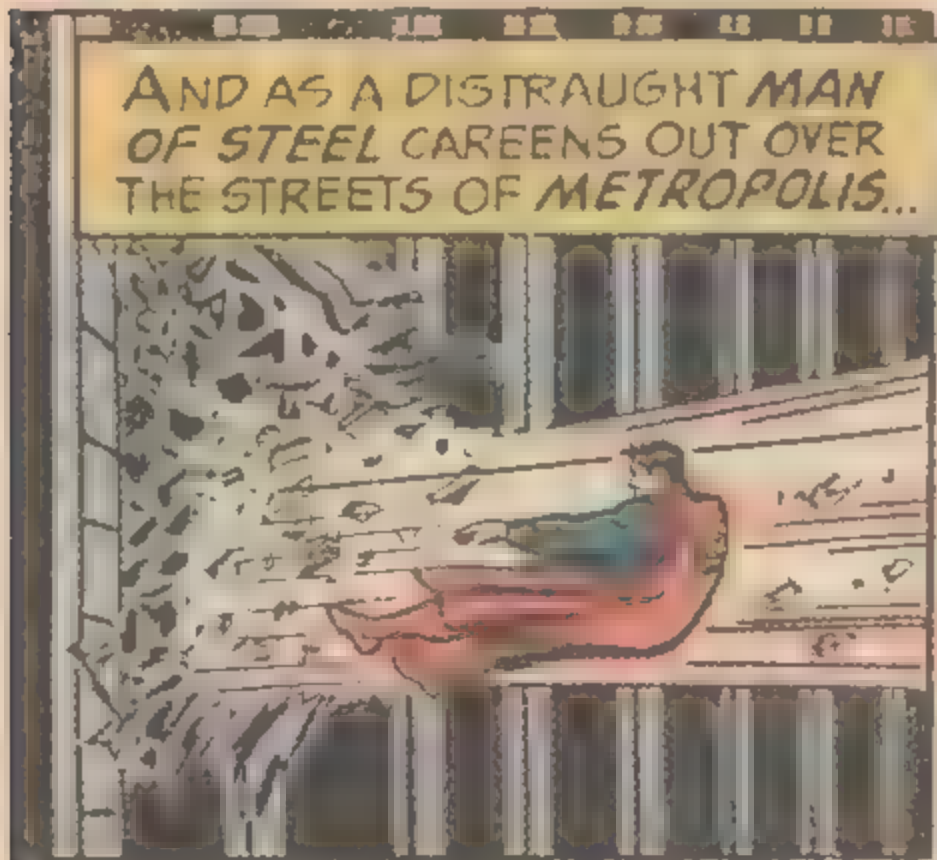
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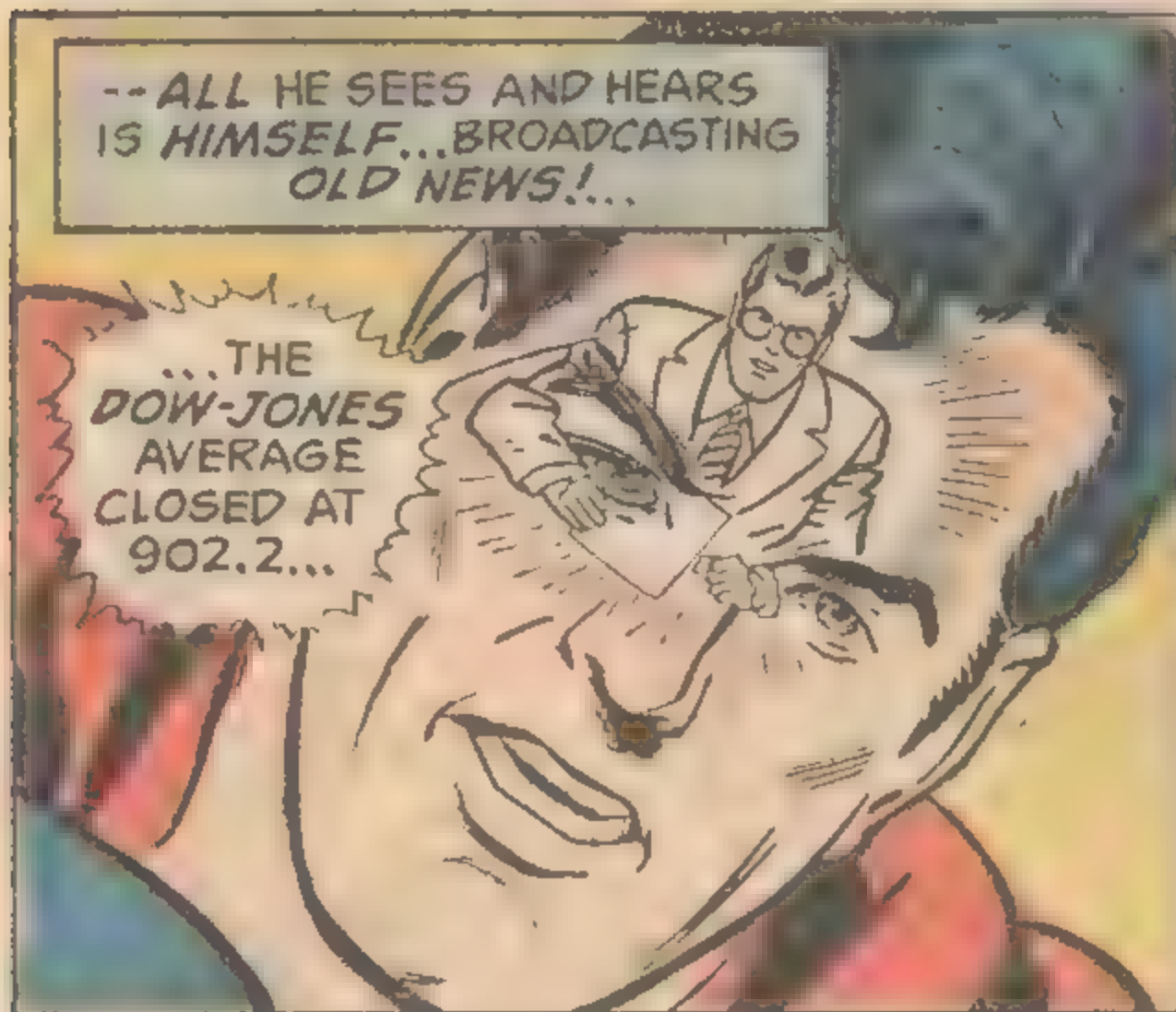
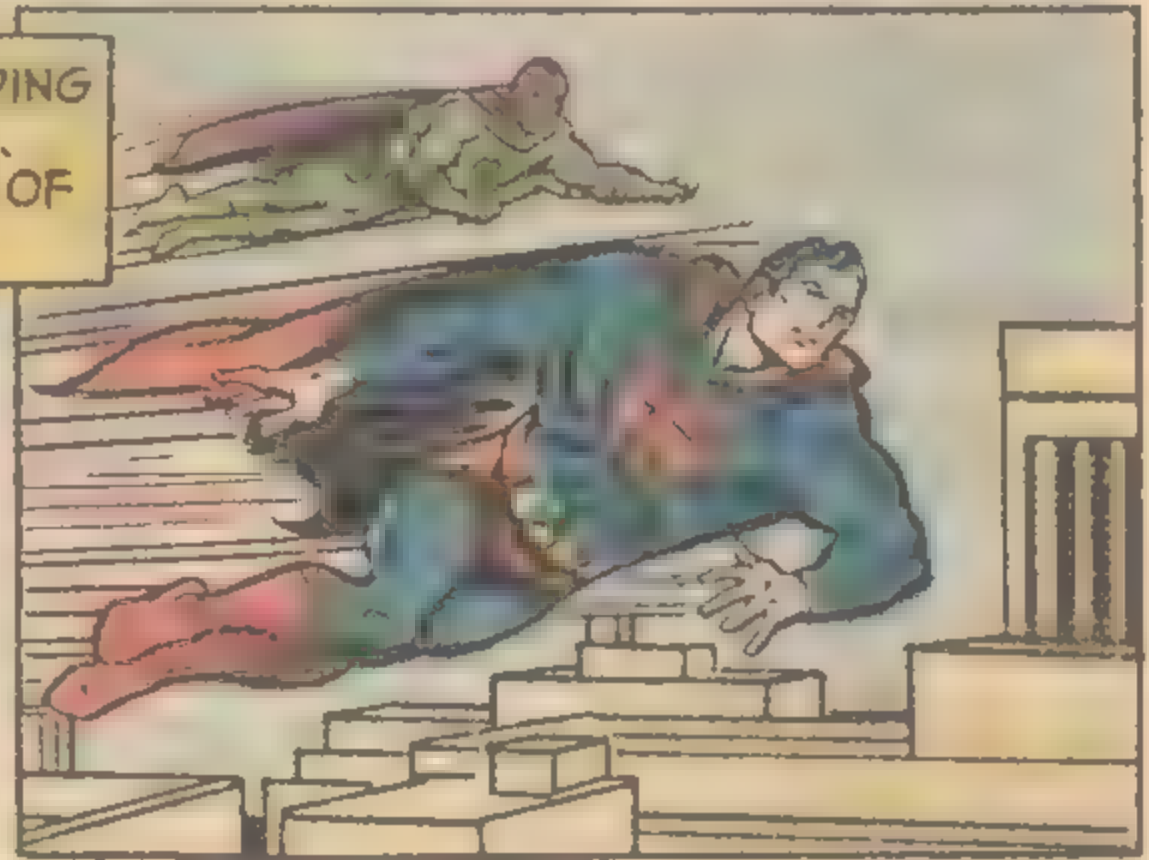
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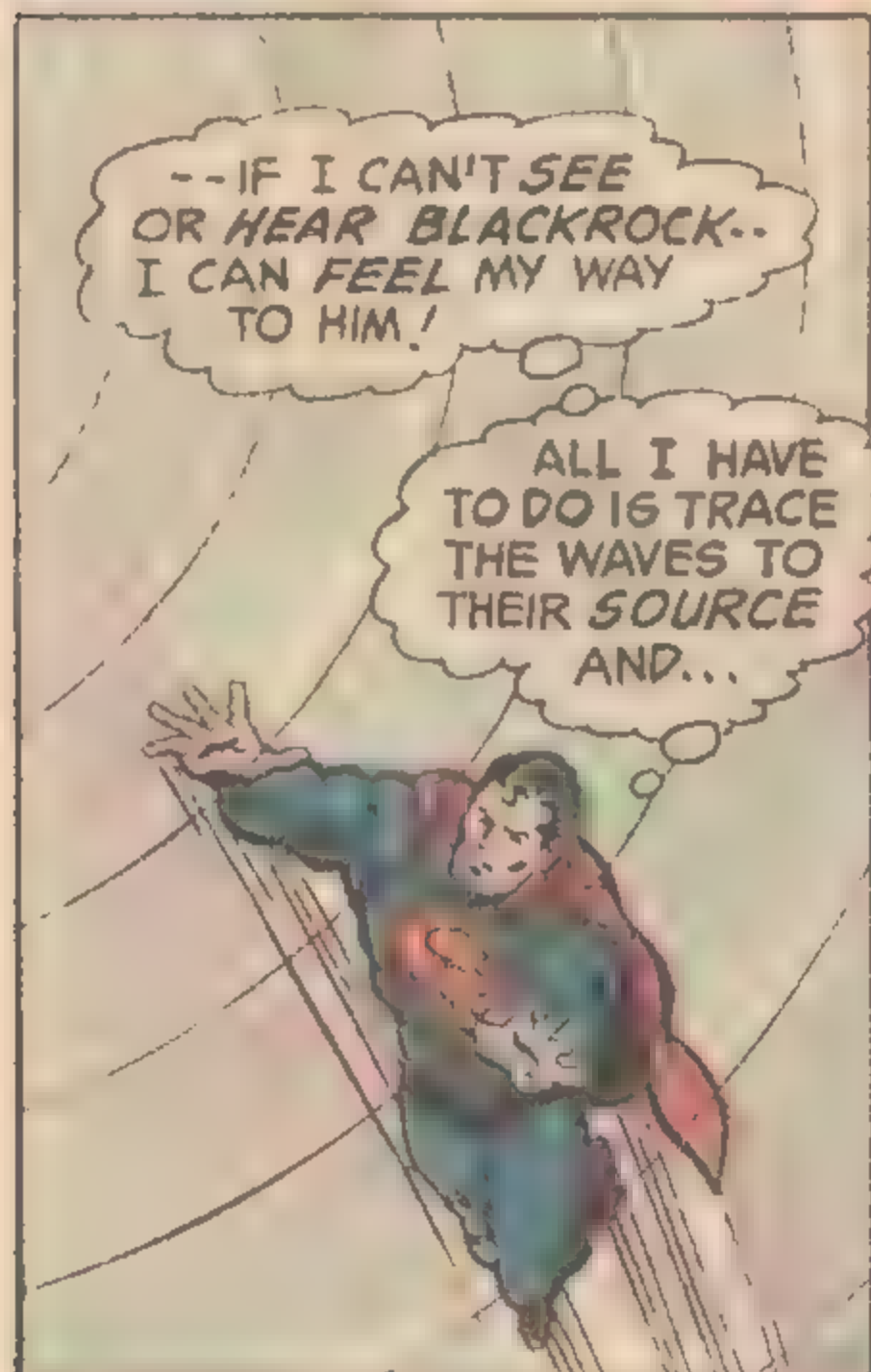


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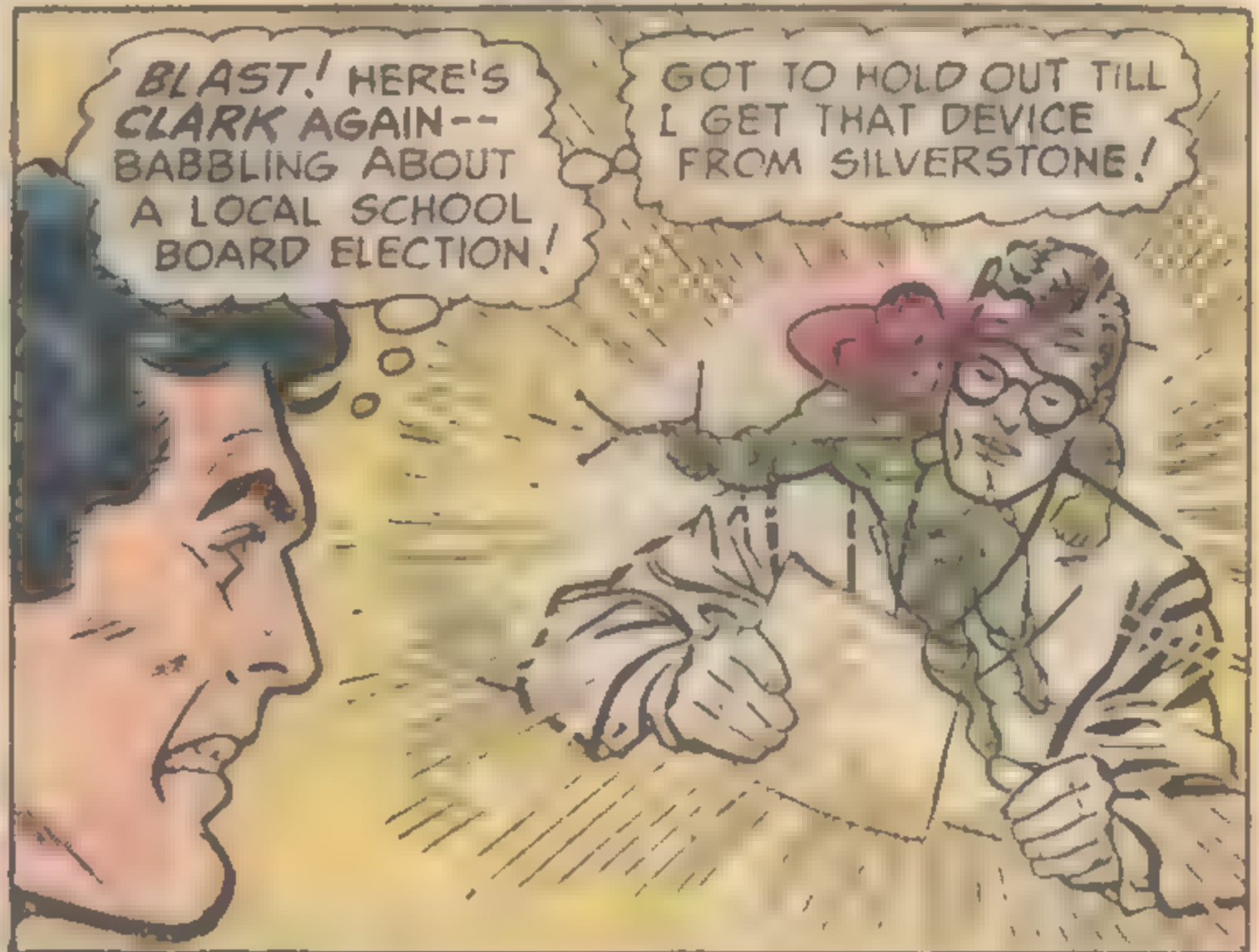
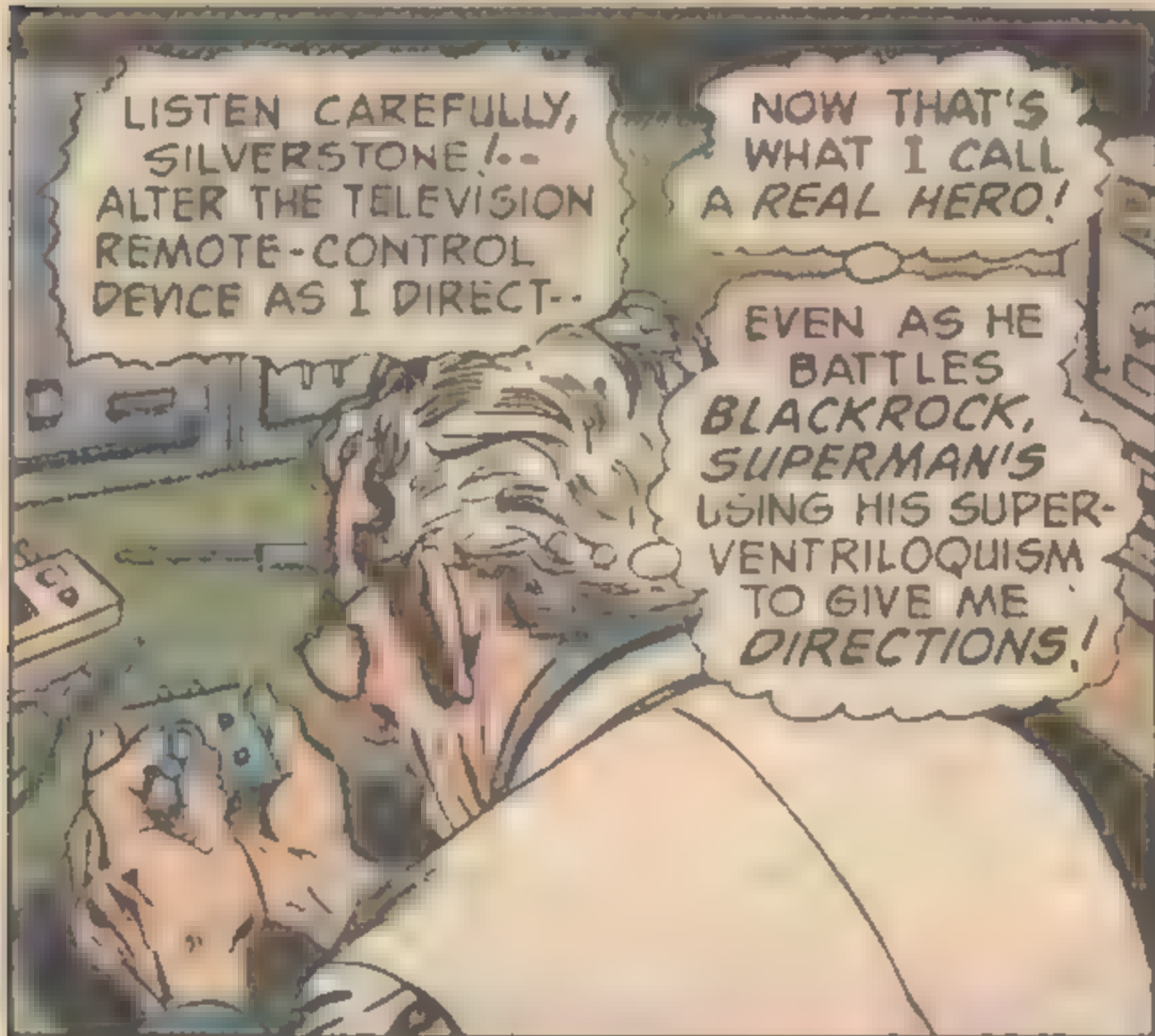


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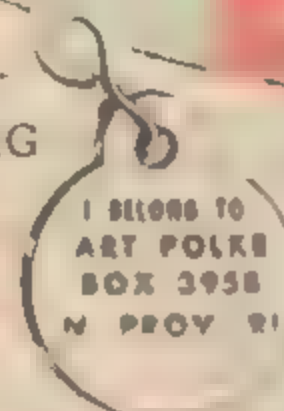
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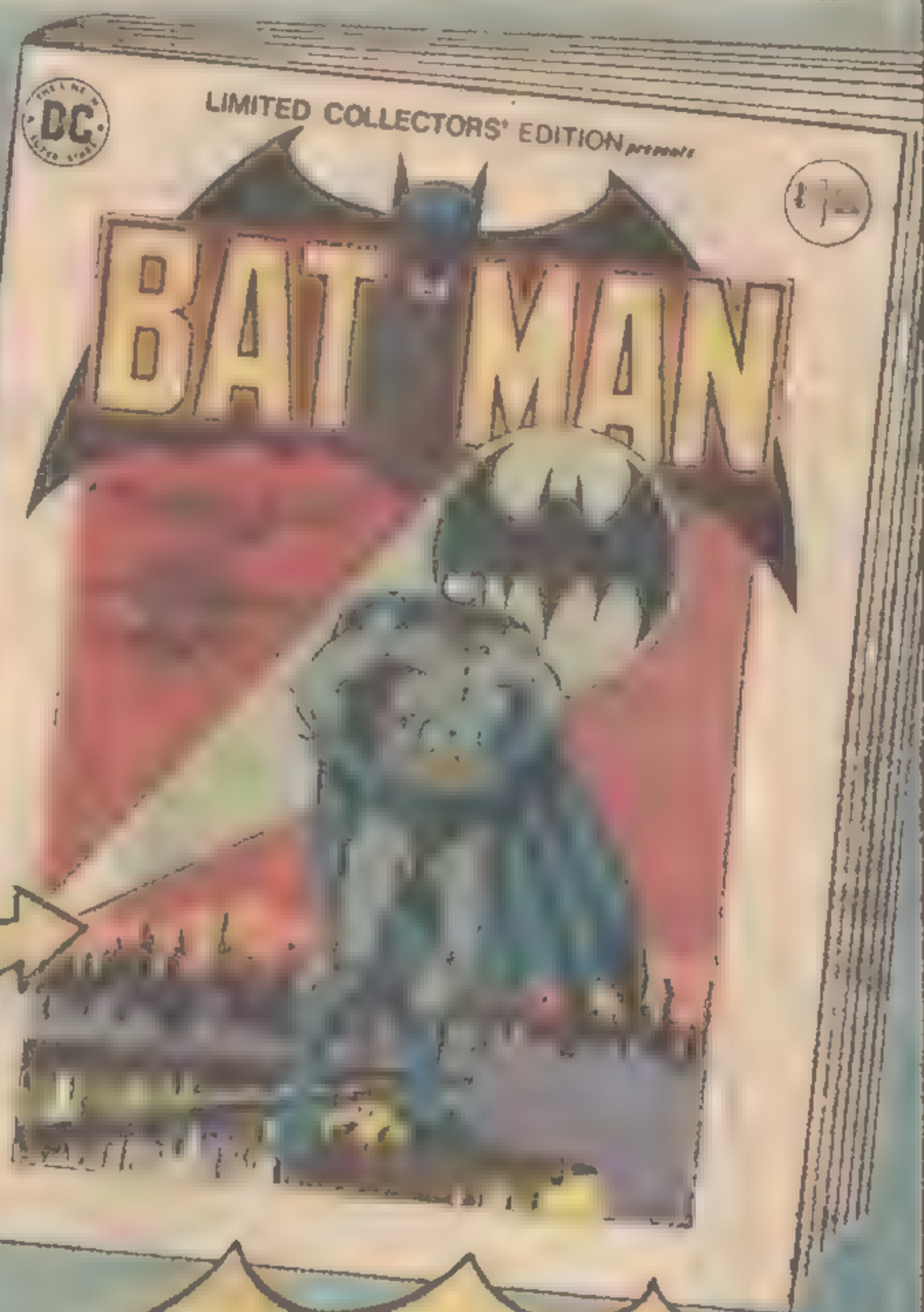
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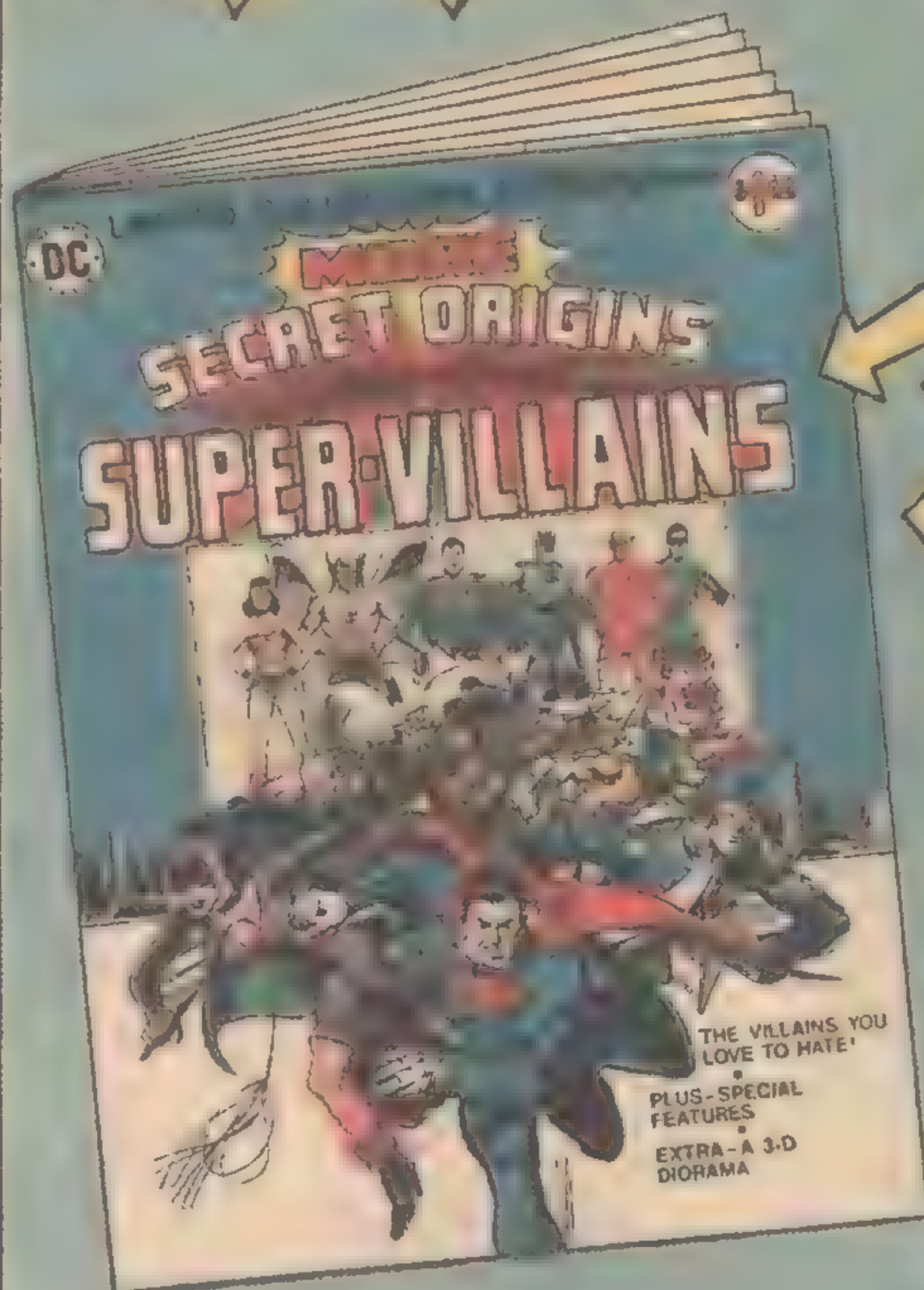
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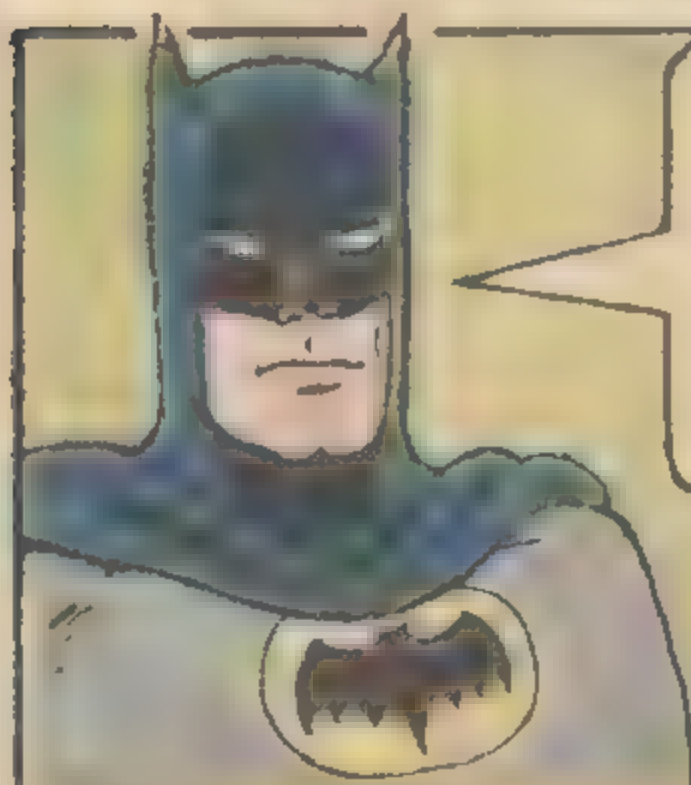
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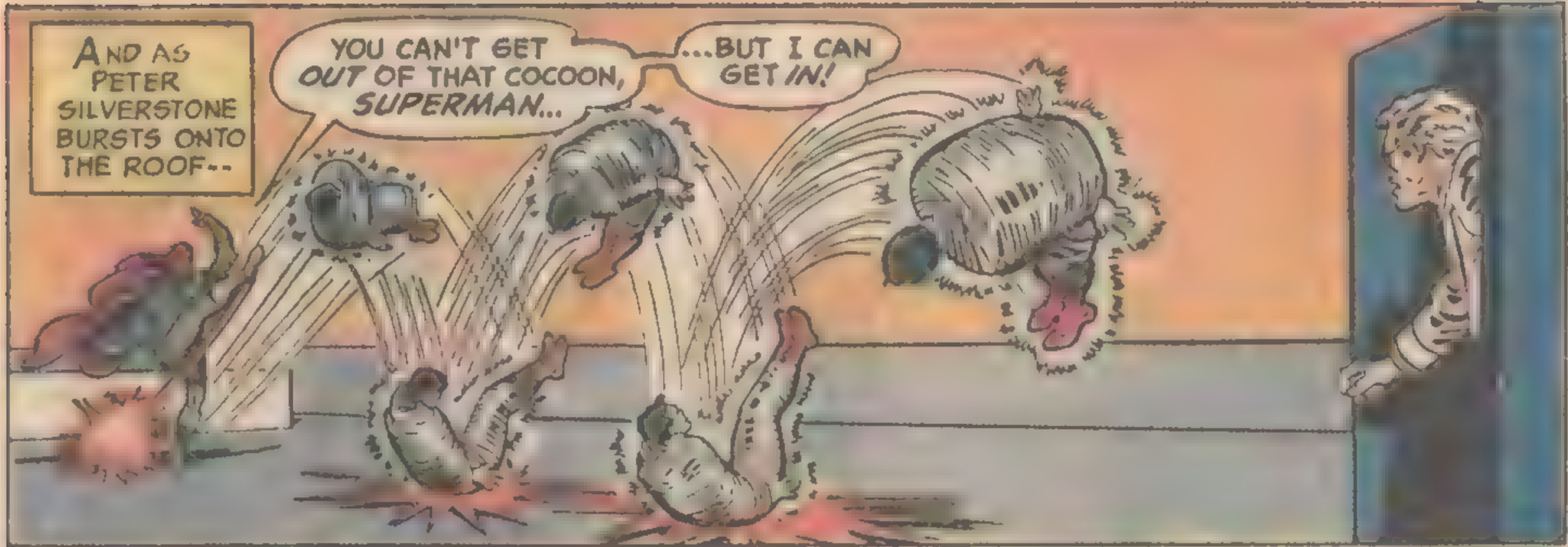
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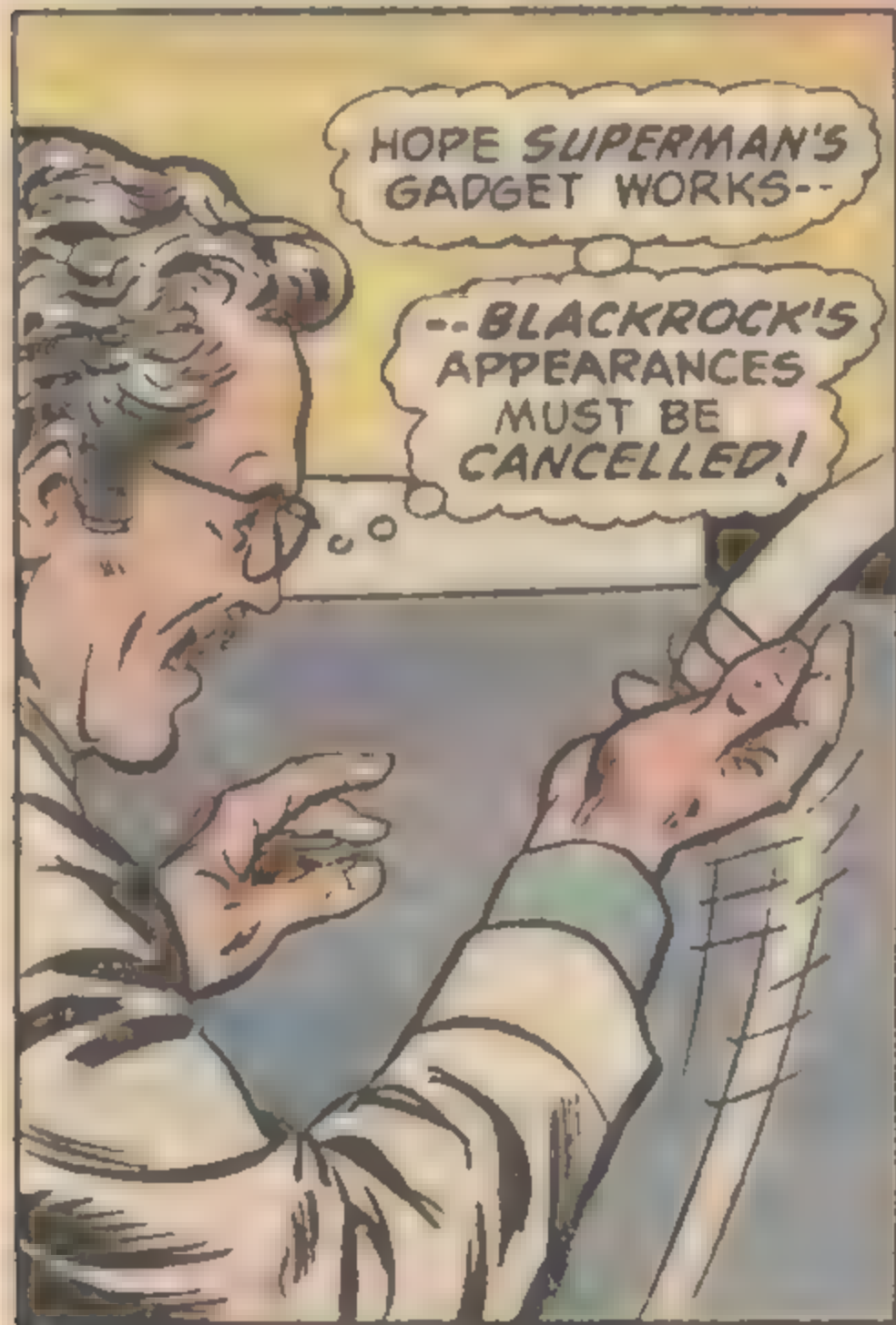
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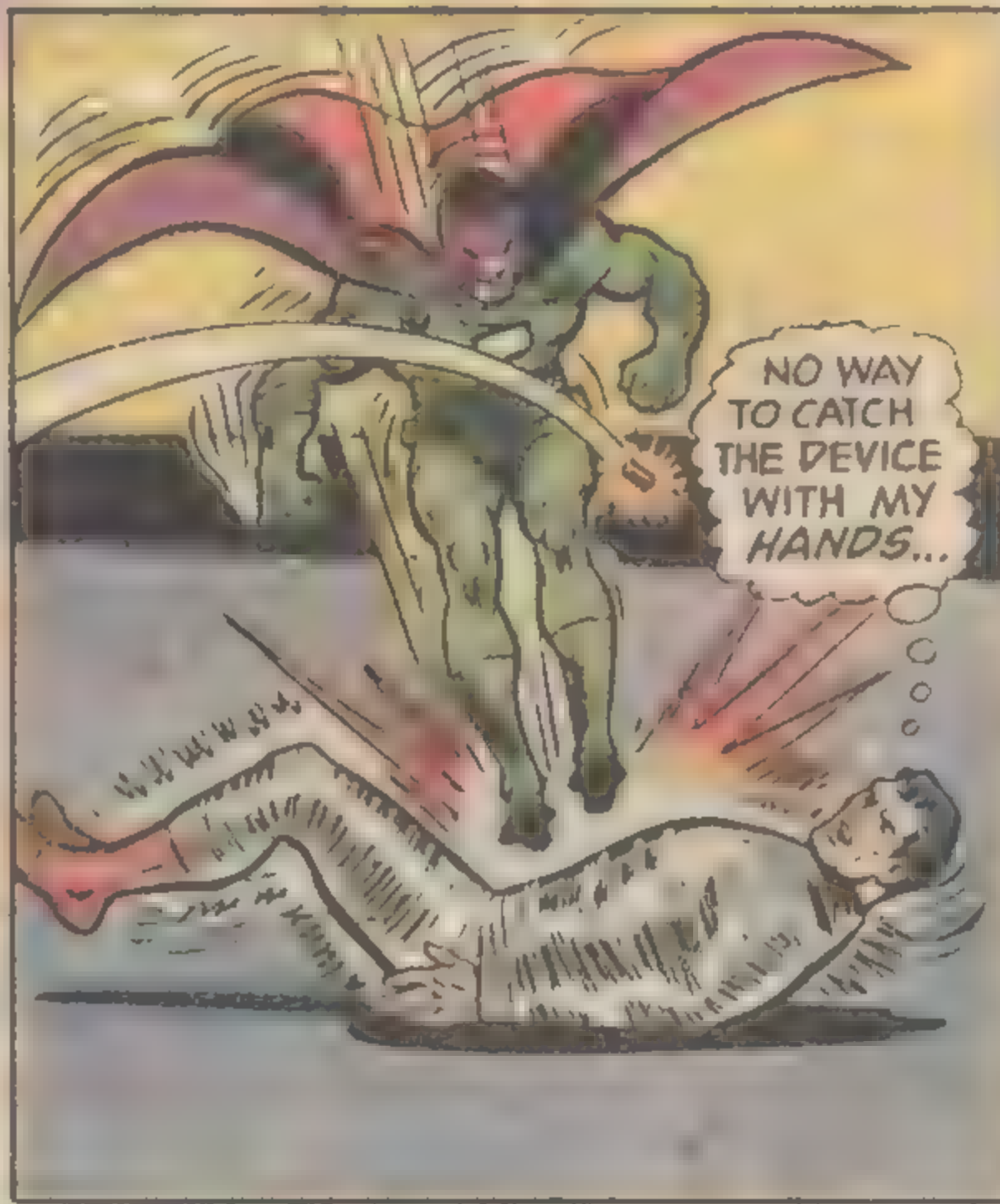
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YOU--?

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BLACKROCK!

AND NOW
WE'LL SEE
ABOUT
TURNING
YOU
OFF!

THEN, AS **SUPERMAN** PUSHES ANOTHER BUTTON...

WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING...?

WHO
AM I...?

HOW DID
I GET
HERE..?

YOU'VE DONE
IT, **SUPERMAN**!
HIS POWER
HAS BEEN
NEUTRALIZED!

AND SINCE **BLACKROCK**
HAS FADED OUT OF
THE PICTURE, I'LL KEEP
HIS IDENTITY A SECRET
FROM **EVERYONE**--
INCLUDING **TANNER**
HIMSELF!

SOME DAYS LATER...

...AND THROUGH
INTERROGATION
OF THE JEWEL
THIEVES CAPTURED
BY **SUPERMAN**
AND **BLACKROCK**--

--**PROFESSOR
ROCKWELL**, WHO
MASTERMINDED
THE ROBBERY
AFTER JUMPING
BAIL, WAS
APPREHENDED...

...BUT NEITHER **SUPERMAN**
NOR **BLACKROCK**--WHO
VANISHED AS SUDDENLY AS
HE APPEARED--TOOK PART
IN THE **CAPTURE!**

TOP-
NOTCH
REPORT,
KENT...

THIS IS
CLARK KENT
FOR **WGBS
NEWS**--

ER--BETTER THAN
LOLA BARNETT'S STORY
ON **UBC**, MR. **EDGE**?

MENTION
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MORE TIME,
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YOUR
NEXT
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WILL BE
CLEANING
**PERRY
WHITE'S**
ASH-
TRAYS!

WHILE AT THE PINNACLE
OF ANOTHER COMMUNICATIONS
EMPIRE JUST ACROSS THE
STREET...

SOME WASHOUT **BLACKROCK**
WAS! I THOUGHT WE WERE
GOING TO HAVE A **SUPER-
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EXCLUSIVE NEWS!

WHY, I COULD HAVE DONE
AS GOOD A JOB MYSELF!

WHAT **SAM
TANNER** DOESN'T
KNOW IS THAT
HE **DID!**

WILL
BLACKROCK
EVER
RETURN TO
CONTINUE
HIS RATINGS
WAR WITH THE
MAN OF
STEEL? ONLY
TIME--AND
READER
REACTION--
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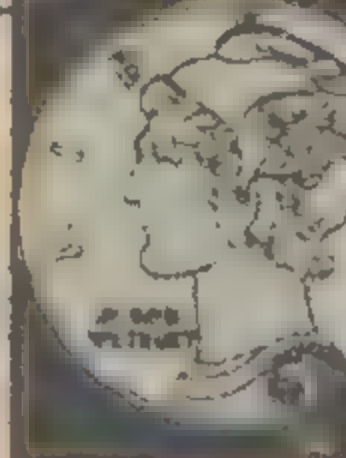
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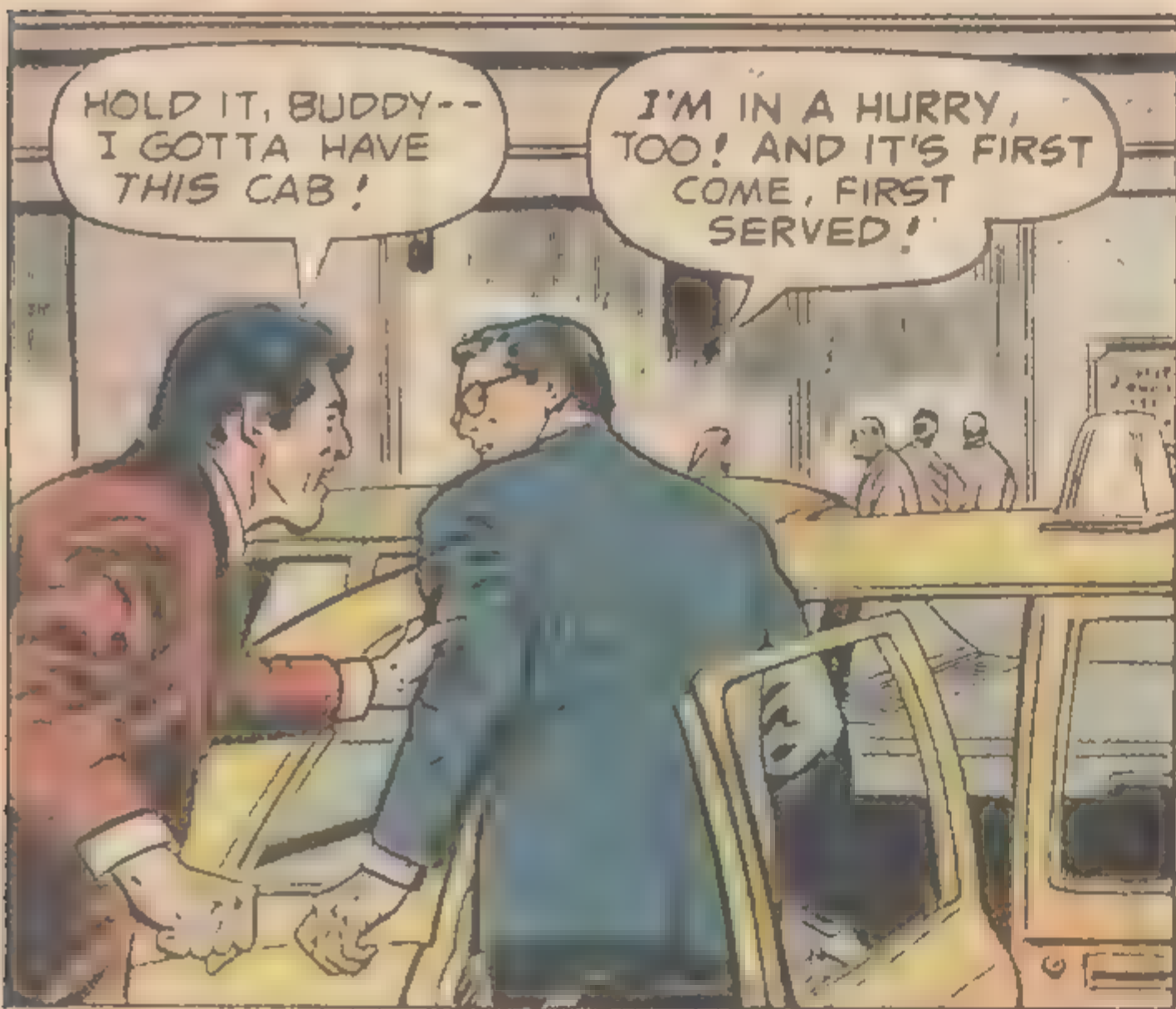
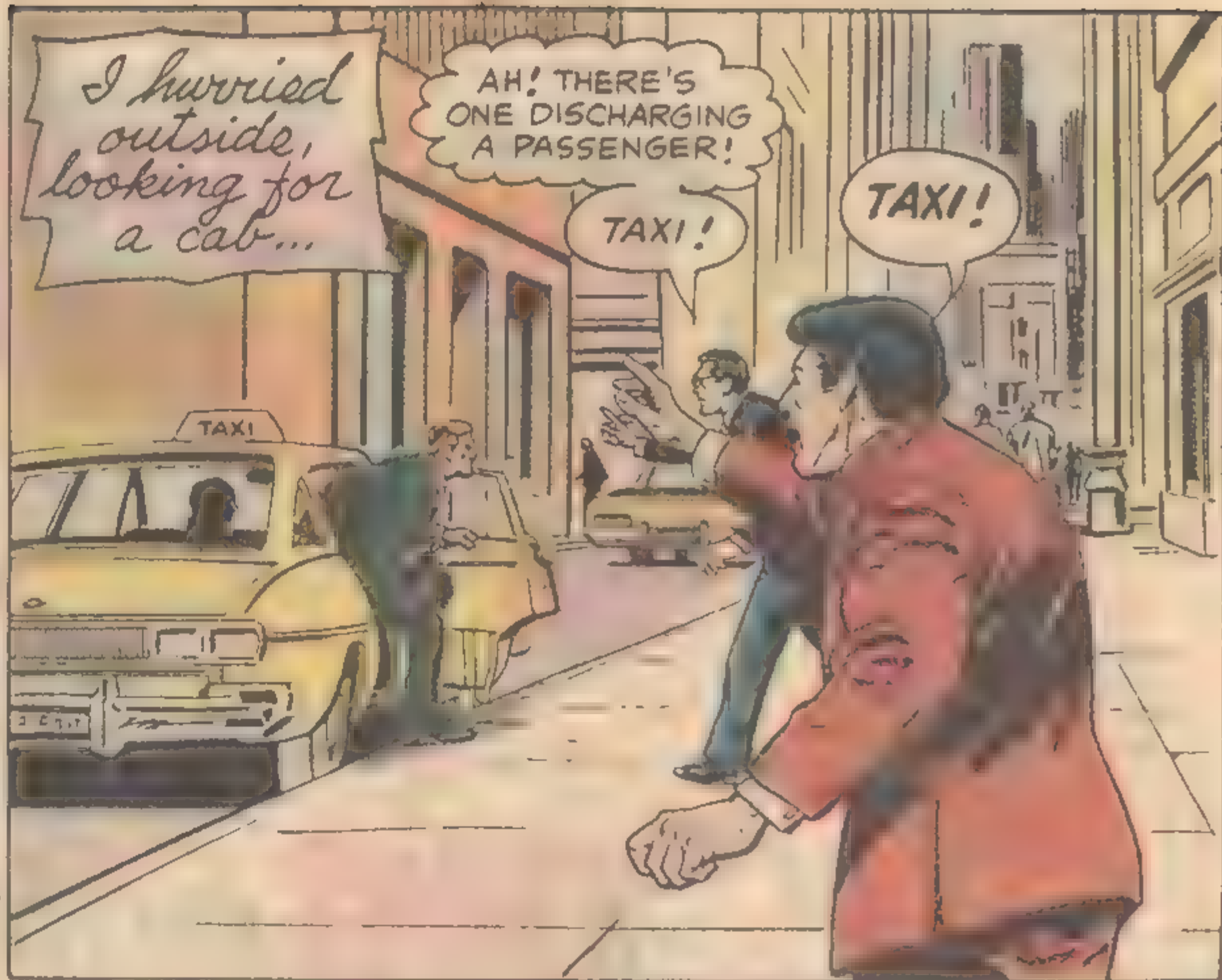
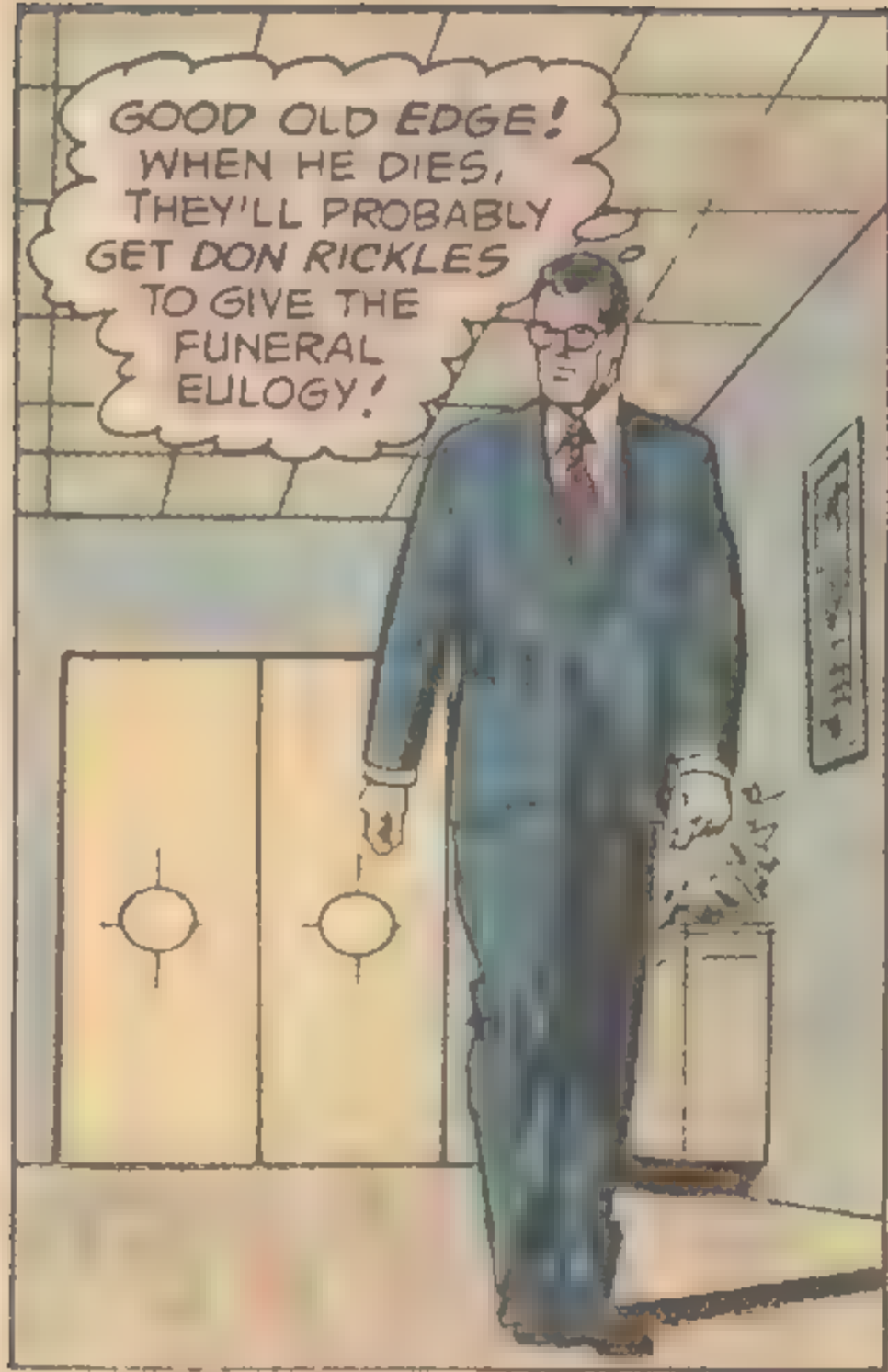
It began when I was
summoned to the gym in
boss-man Morgan Edge's
penthouse apartment... to start
the astounding adventure I call...

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FIGHT IS SCHEDULED
FOR METRO GARDEN
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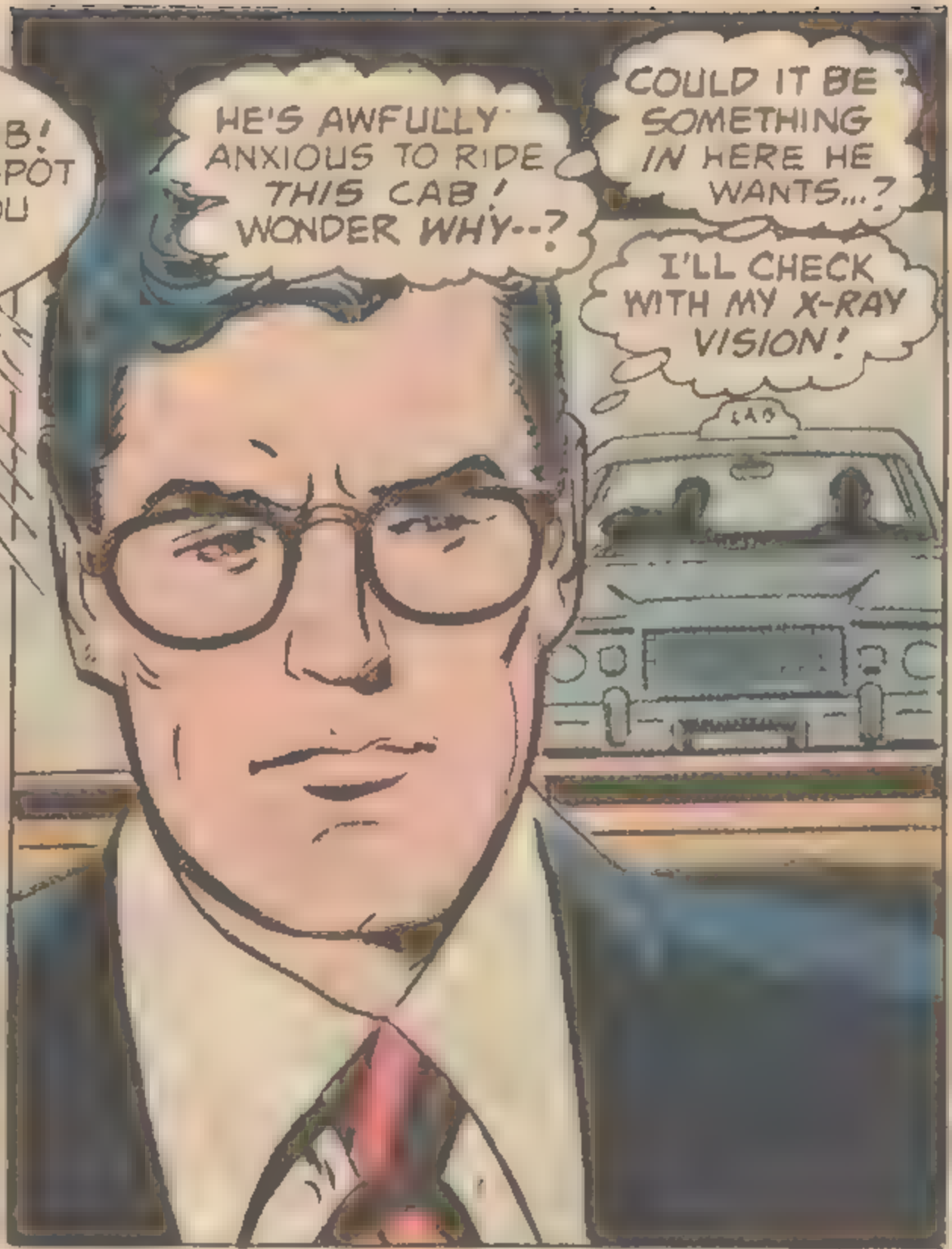






That bully's determination to take my particular cab inspired me to tune in on him with my super-hearing...

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WAITAMINNIT! THE FELLOW WHO HAD THIS CAB BEFORE ME--



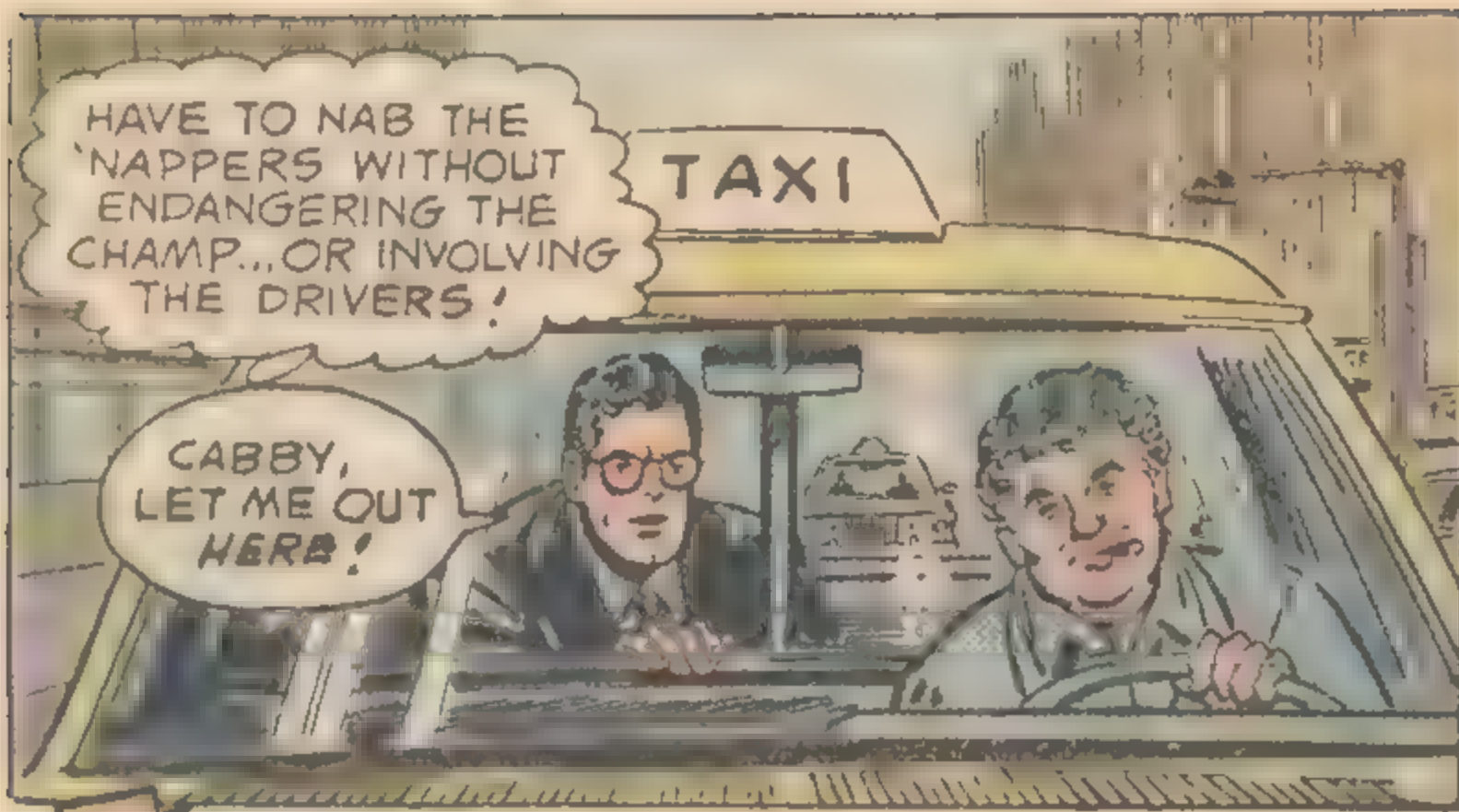
--IT JUST STRUCK ME! HE'S MARTIN TAINE, ONE OF THE PROMOTERS OF TOMORROW'S BIG FIGHT!



NOW I GET THE WHOLE PICTURE! ARMSTRONG'S DISAPPEARANCE IS ON THE LEVEL--

--HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!

AND THIS MONEY IS THE RANSOM-PAYOFF!



HAVE TO NAB THE 'NAPPERS WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE CHAMP...OR INVOLVING THE DRIVERS!

CABBY, LET ME OUT HERB!



KEEP THE CHANGE!

AS I EXPECTED, MY "TAIL" IS RIGHT BEHIND ME!



HAVE TO MAKE SURE HE SEES I HAVE THE PACKAGE!

THAT DUDE NOT ONLY TOOK MY CAB, HE'S GOT MY MONEY, TOO!



HE'S CATCHING UP TO ME!



I KNOW JUST THE PLACE TO MAKE CONTACT--



--THIS ALLEY...

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MOVING MY HEAD JUST ENOUGH TO LET HIM GRAZE ME!

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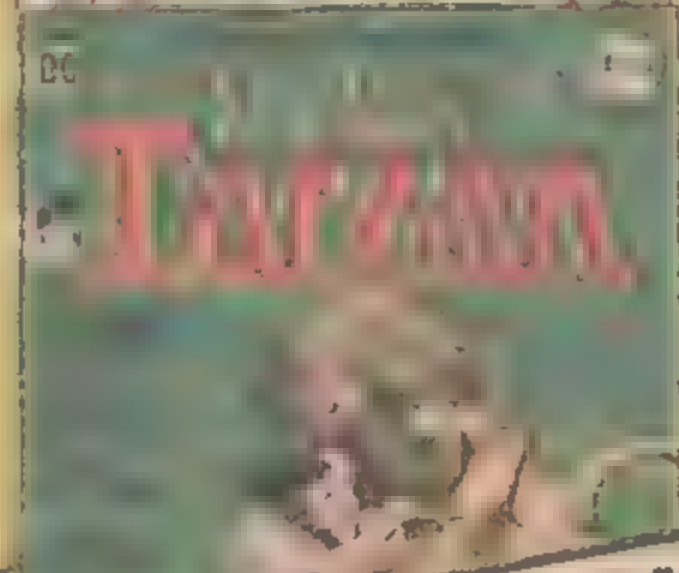
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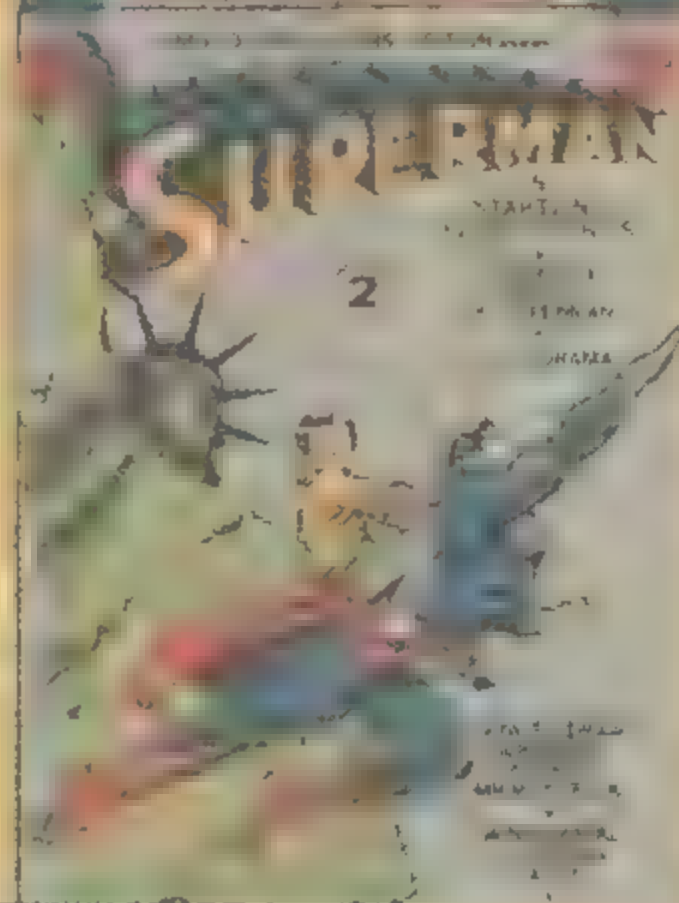
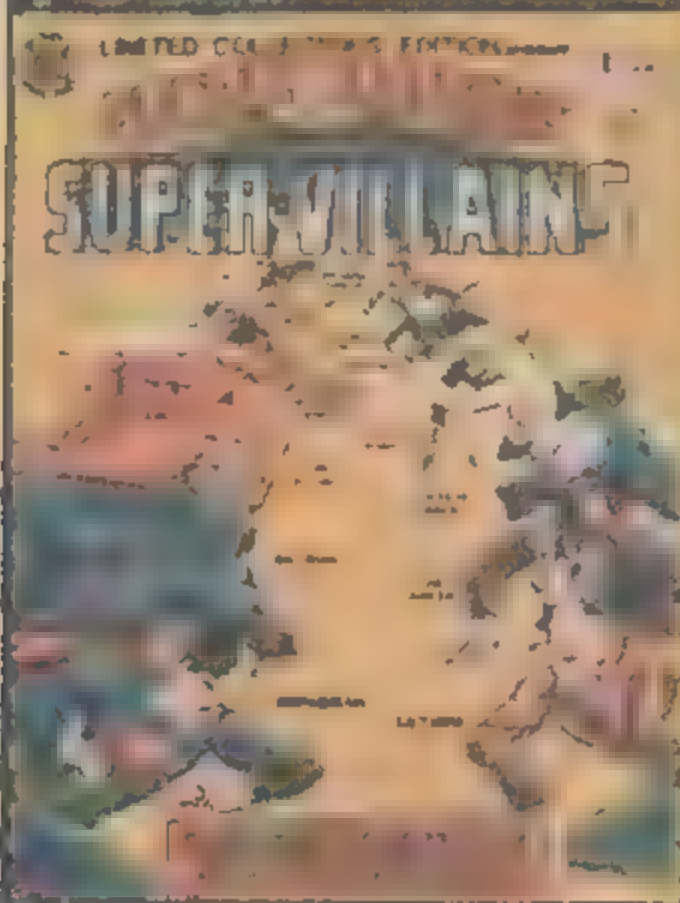
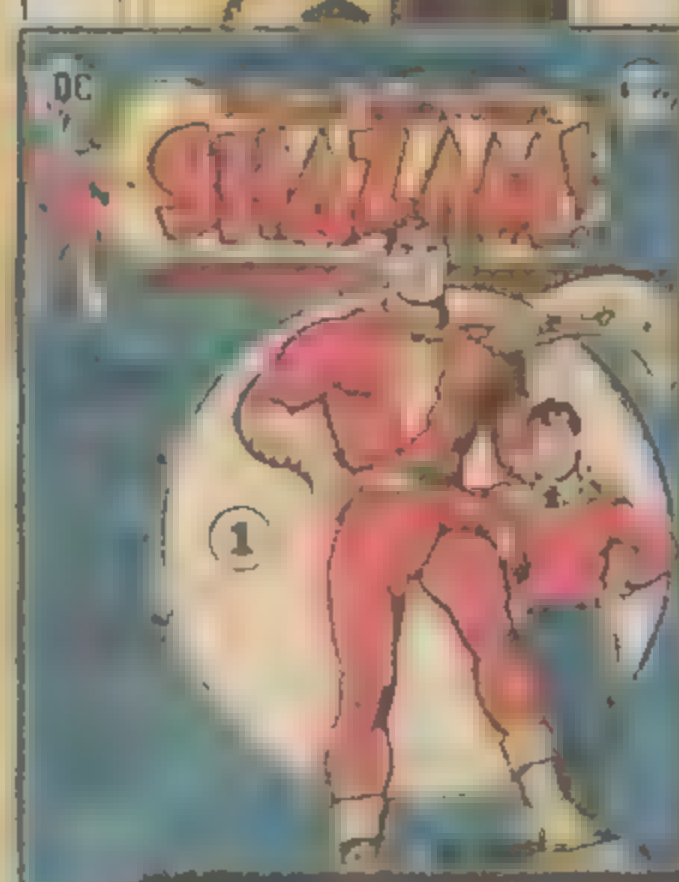
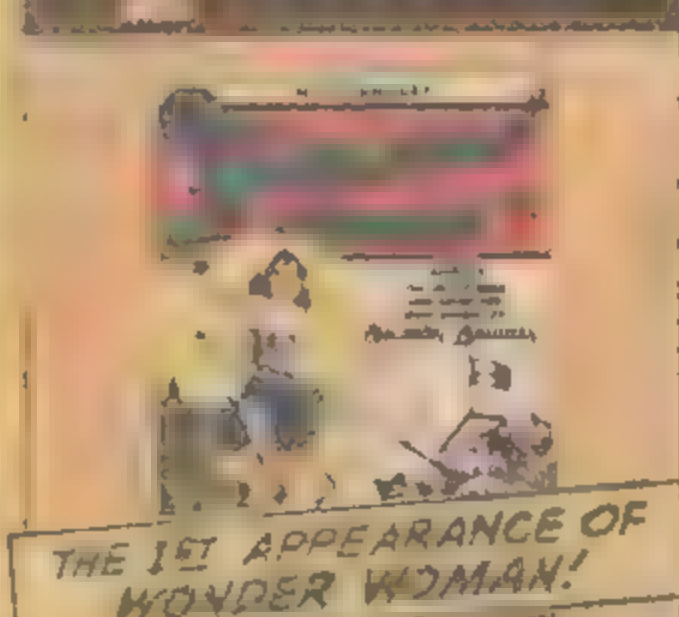
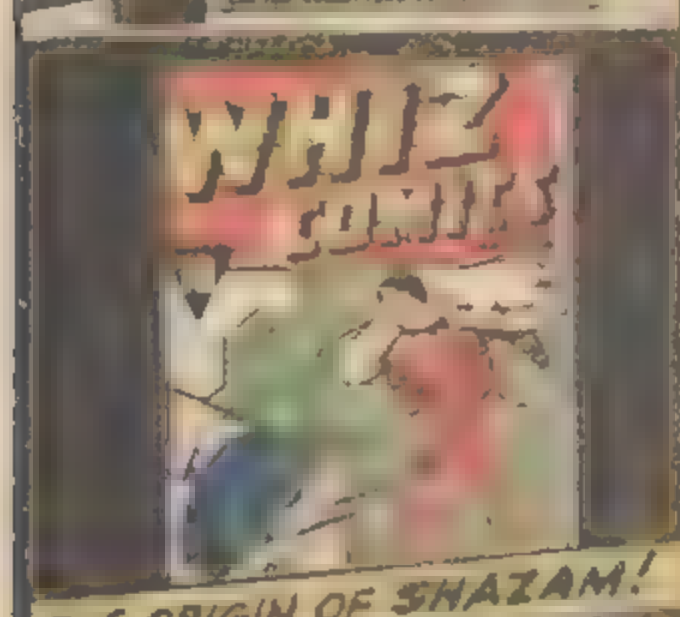
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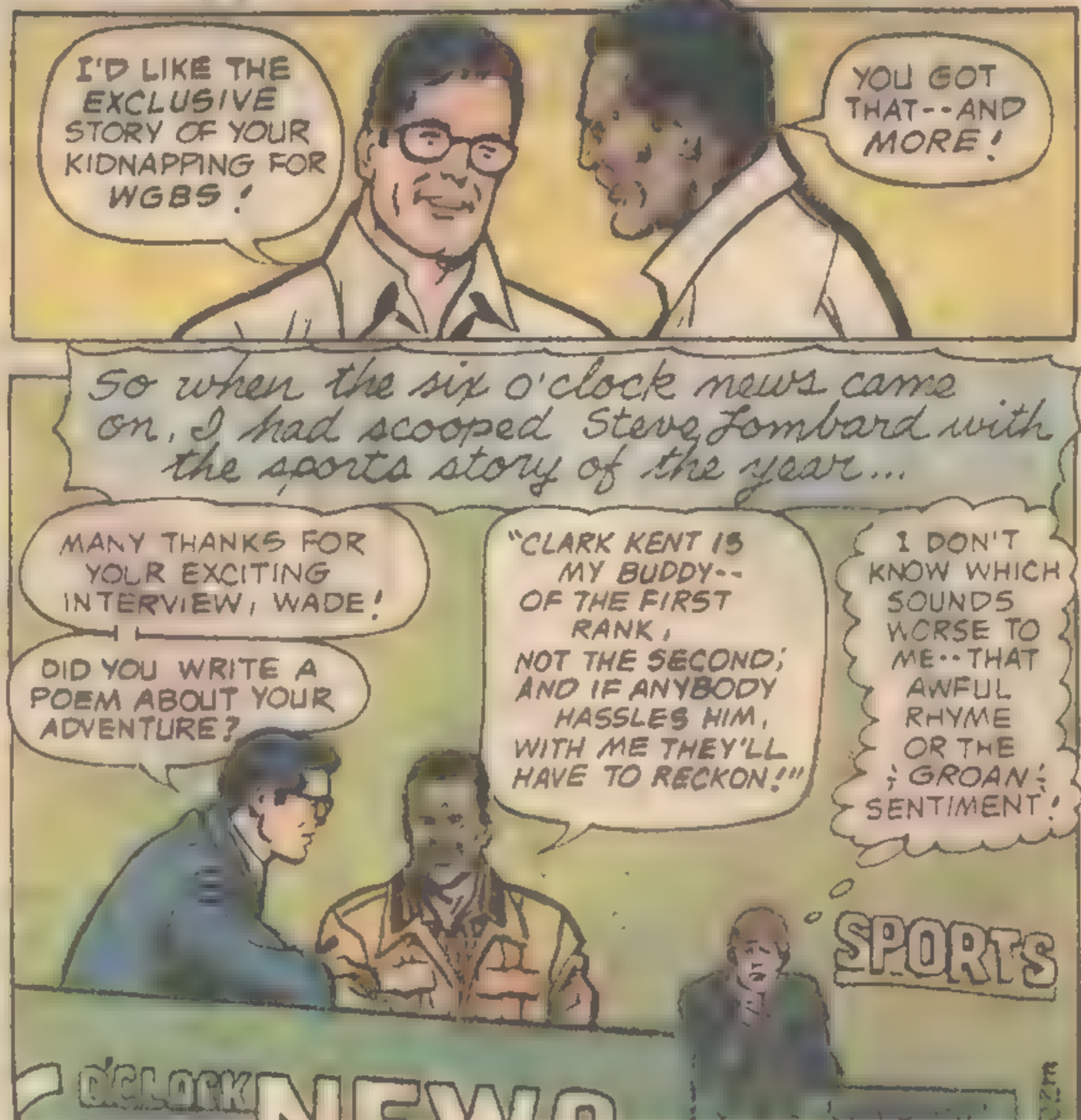
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I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FOUND ME, MR. KENT-- BUT IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO TO PAY YOU BACK --

WHY, YES, THERE IS!



I'D LIKE THE EXCLUSIVE STORY OF YOUR KIDNAPPING FOR WGBS!

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So when the six o'clock news came on, I had scooped Steve Lombard with the sports story of the year...

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DID YOU WRITE A POEM ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURE?

"CLARK KENT IS MY BUDDY-- OF THE FIRST RANK, NOT THE SECOND; AND IF ANYBODY HASSLES HIM, WITH ME THEY'LL HAVE TO RECKON!"

I DON'T KNOW WHICH SOUNDS WORSE TO ME-- THAT AWFUL RHYME OR THE GROAN; SENTIMENT!

SPORTS

6 O'CLOCK NEWS

SUPERMAN IN ACTION

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Dear Gang:

Well, from a sheer action point of view, "Junkman, the Recycled Superstar" (Action #455) had to be the best story this mag has put out in an lo-o-o-o-ong time (and you've put out some goodies)! And it must have driven Curt Swan crazy! The action had our heroes making their way through a gas-filled room, Superman zipping around, putting into himself enough electricity to zonk a tank, getting blown away, soaring incredibly around in the sky trying to put to use a pile of recycled garbage, crashing in and out of huge buildings, falling down, getting up, and taking a ride on a jet while still slugging it out—and the whole thing ended up smashing through a mountain in a frozen arctic wasteland!

I loved it when Superman got jealous of Ollie Queen. Ingenious character development from my favorite writer, Elliot Maggin. You guys have the most sensational, exciting character in the history of American fiction, and realistic situations would defeat the purpose of the whole megillah. You realize this; I like the way you've been playing up meaningful characterization lately. The team-up aspect of the story was good, too, and I was pleased to see no mention of Justice League signal devices.

I haven't even mentioned the roles of Green Arrow and The Atom in this epic. Well, neither of them contributed greatly to the plot. But the former swinging around through each action-packed page added to the great over-all look of the issue.

The Atom played almost no role at all in the festivities but was nice to see, as was everyone's favorite city-in-a-bottle, Kandor.

Mel Brooks' appearance (a-hem! Who's Mel Brooks? I mean, of course, Morty Rivers) was funny and provided for some great dialogue ("Morty Rivers, you are weird!" "... Thank you very much!")

Well, thanks for some very pleasurable reading. And, fellow fans, next time someone asks you what company makes the most dynamically-drawn, cleverly plotted, action-packed, exciting, realistically characterized and fun-to-read comics, remember

how I sign off my letters:

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(Thank you ... thank you VERY MUCH! —E.N.B.)

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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

"Junkman—the Recycled Superstar" was mediocre. (It's a good thing you guys threw some other heroes into the story to spice it up; otherwise it would have been terrible.) Maggin's version of Mel Brooks came off badly. It seemed as if "Morty" was trying too hard to act like his real-life counterpart, making him seem a two-bit copy instead of an original, unique character.

The Junkman, as many of your instant inanimate-objects-come-to-life villains, reacted illogically. Why is it when Junkman got zapped with Kandorian energy, he also gained a mind? The Junkman was created out of junk, not computer parts, so when it was flooded with all that tremendous energy, the greatest reaction you could've gotten out of it should've been some simple radio or TV signals, not a hostile, door-bustin' monster on a vendetta against Superman and Kandor.

I'll say one thing about this story: Only Maggin's imaginative mind could've cooked it up.

Michael D. Dargay, Royal Oak, Mich.

(Is that supposed to be a compliment—or something else?—E.N.B.)

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Dear Editor:

As a junior in the biology department of ivy-covered Princeton University, I found it strangely satisfying to see the biology building get eaten up in "The Campus That Swallowed Itself" (Action #454). By the way, did you know that Princeton has a physics building named Palmer Hall?

Steve Brown, Princeton, N.J.

(Really? Is that where they study ATOM-ic physics?—E. NELSON BRIDWELL)

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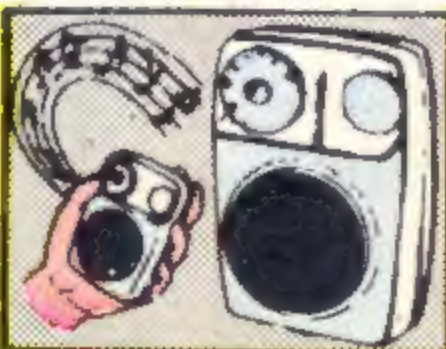
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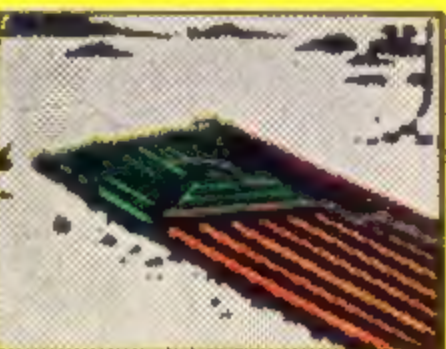
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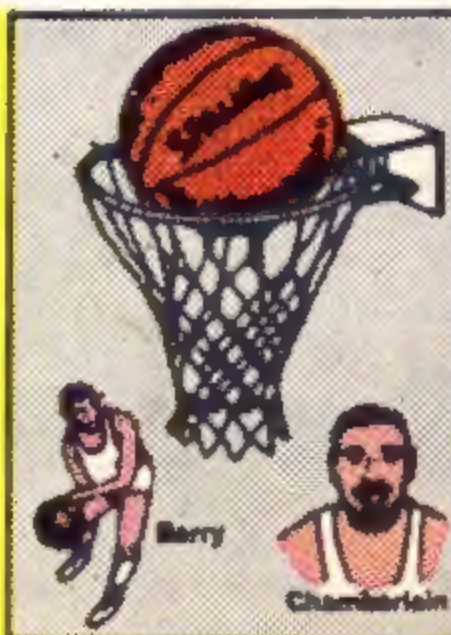
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